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OUR COVER-That academically talented pupils in American high schools will find new opportunities in the study of science is widely indicated in recent surveys of secondary curricula. The photograph on our cover this month, provided through the courtesy of Dr. George V. Hall, editor of Curriculum Digest, San Diego City Schools, shows a group of San Diego high school students setting up a device for the measurement of elasticity in metals. San Diego city schools began a program in 1949, now developed to include identification, enrichment, promotion, guidance, and scholarship counseling for the gifted.

FROM THE FIELD

... statewide professional news

▶ GRAND ISLAND district, Colusa county, has highest beginning teacher's salary in state: \$5124. Local association-proposed schedule of \$5100 minimum was adopted at NEEDLES March 19.

AURORA BOREALIS, new monthly bulletin produced by Executive Secretary F. McElwain Howard for Northern Section leaders, announces that Architect John Harvey Carter has been commissioned to complete plans for a 2500-square-foot Section headquarters building. The new Section home will be located on recently-

acquired land east of Sacramento.

▶ DISCRIMINATION in employment of certificated employees will be studied by a commission recently appointed by the state board of education under authority of Section 187 of the Education code. First meeting at CTA headquarters considered problems of race and religion in employment of teachers, recommended to Assembly Ways and Means committee a tentative budget of \$19,414 for staff.

INTERNATIONAL Council for Exceptional Children, California Federation, will meet at San Diego May 2-3 with the theme "Let's Look At the Ledger." Psychologist Edgar A. Doll will be chief speaker. The eight-year-old federation has the largest membership in the parent ICEC organization. Southern sections of California Speech and Hearing Association and the Oral Education Association will meet at the same time and place.

▶ OVERLAND MAIL centennial will be celebrated September 16 to October 10 when a caravan leaves Tipton, Missouri and journeys to San Francisco along the century-old Butterfield Stage Line. Many California teachers will use this event as a dramatic theme for study of transportation history in the west. Details from Ben F. Dixon,

Box H, San Diego 10.

▶ PALM SPRINGS unified district reports the highest average teacher salary for Riverside county—\$6227. Tiny Desert Center reported a current average of \$5911, about \$10 a month higher than the average for the state. The county's enrollment gain is 11 per cent over last year (up to 55,042) with 3,696 still on double session.

SCHOOL YEAR of 183 teaching days has been proposed for 1958-59 by San Diego county superintendent

of schools.

ASSEMBLYMAN SHERIDAN HEGLAND of LaMesa was presented the Phi Delta Kappa "Lay Citizen's Award for 1957" as the San Diego county layman who made the greatest contribution to public schools last year.

▶ ELEMENTARY TEACHERS of Los Angeles spurned a move to merge teacher organizations of the city, overwhelmingly voting to maintain LAETC. Of the 13 associated teacher organizations in the city, three are CTA-chartered: elementary teachers, high school teachers, and elementary administrators.

▶ CTA MEMBERSHIP for 1958, as of March 15, was 89, 389. This figure represents an increase of 2,519 over the 86,870 recorded on the same date for 1957. Every Section has shown substantial gain over last year. Peak membership, reached last September, was 93,449. It appeared that the expected decline because of dues increase will not materialize. NEA membership February 27 was 44,946.

▶ CTA's STATE COUNCIL of Education will hold its annual meeting April 11-12 at Asilomar, conference center near Monterey. Legislation will not be a major study at this session but reports of expanding CTA services are expected to be profitable and interesting.

▶ HIGHEST CONCENTRATION of course enrollment in California public high schools during 1956-57 was in English, social studies, mathematics, business, and science, according to an analysis made by bureau of secondary education, State Department of Education.

▶ OBJECTIVES of an elementary school science program, according to Dr. Melville Homfeld, superintendent of Menlo Park school district (as reported in School Board Journal for February) should be: (1) keep children curious (2) start with a question (3) teach the scientist's way (4) travel the high road of the child's interest (5) improve the child's scientific eyesight and (6) sharpen the student's skill.

▶ APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER approved by CTA board of directors include: No. 577, Goleta District Teachers Association, Santa Barbara county; No. 578, Association of Cypress Teachers, Orange county; No. 579, Berryessa District Teachers Association, East San Jose, Santa Clara county; No. 580, Livermore High School Teachers Association, Alameda county.

▶ FAMILY LIFE education workshop, sponsored by CCPT for the sixth year, will be held June 23 to July 3 at College of the Pacific, Stockton. Deadline May 10 for applications to dean of summer sessions, COP. CCPT will also co-sponsor with state department of education, UCLA, and California Council of Adult Education a workshop on leadership training in parent education at University of California, Goleta (Santa Barbara), July 17 to 26. Deadline for admission forms May 12, CCPT, 300 West 21st St., Los Angeles 7.

AGRICULTURAL teachers of California—more than 450 of them—will meet at "The Farm" of California State Polytechnic College for 1958 summer conference June 25-27. Exhibits and demonstrations will feature the CATA meeting.

▶ A TEACHER PLACEMENT office was established February 1 at the Davis campus of University of California as 30 candidates for the general secondary credential completed their work in the college of letters and science.

NEW MEMBERS of CTA's Commission on Teacher Education announced last month are: Dr. J. Marc Jantzen, dean of the school of education at College of the Pacific, Stockton; Mrs. Carol R. Grimm, Long Beach first grade teacher; and Wilbert Bolliger, chemistry teacher at Pomona high school. The nine-member Commission is concerned with recruitment and selection, education and certification, and accreditation of teacher education institutions. The new members begin three-year terms.

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POSTAL COSTS for non-profit educational publications would be affected by HR 5836, which had completed Senate hearings and was due for conference committee late last month. Reclassification would lump school publications with commercial magazines. Book classification would be broadened (4c first pound, 1c each additional pound) to include films and recordings from schools and non-profit organizations.

NATIONAL MAGAZINES recently publishing significant educational news include: McCall's, March, announced selection of Jean Listebarger, Iowa secondgrade teacher, as its seventh Teacher of the Year, used a two-page spread to describe her popular teaching methods. Winner and eight runner-ups were all NEA members. Reader's Digest, March, contained an article by Frances Rummell describing George Washington high school in San Francisco, where students win top scholastic grades as well as athletic championships. Redbook Magazine, March, published an article by Harry Henderson entitled "How to Help a Gifted Child". It deals with the mental, emotional, and physical characteristics of gifted children, shows how they may be identified. February issue of *Redbook* also contained an editorial on "The Kind of Education Our Children Need" and a Carl Rowen article on integration, "We Led Our Children Into Trouble."

• JOINT COMMITTEE of Magazine Publishers Association and NEA will have the third in a series of meetings April 3 to highlight facets of the teacher supply problem. A February meeting in New York summed up science education for more than 50 educators and editors of top-circulation magazines. The all-star educator panel included Arthur F. Corey of CTA.

• "PROGRESS AND SECURITY of the U.S., indeed of the entire free world, depends very heavily . . . upon the strength of American education," said H. Rowan Gaither, Jr., in "Satellites, Schools, and Survival", the NEA film now sweeping the country.

LIFE Magazine began a series of articles last month covering many areas of education with exciting photo-journalism. March 24 was a story comparing a Russian student with an American youth. Others will show how teachers inspire pupils, how science is made attractive. The series continues into Teacher Career Month—April—providing a backdrop to local observance of critical supply problems.

STAFF ASSOCIATES for Midwest Administration Center, University of Chicago, are being selected. Candidates with an MA, fulfilling requirements for Ph.D. degree, under 35 years of age, with interest and ability in research and writing and promise in educational ad-

ministration, may receive two-year appointments. Information from MAC, 5835 Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. DR. JOHN J. THEOBALD, New York deputy mayor and president-on-leave of Queens College, Flushing, N.Y., will succeed retiring Dr. William Jansen as superintendent of the largest school system in the world, New York City.

▶ ADULT EDUCATORS will kick off a national campaign to draw attention to continuing need of education for adults with an institute at Princeton, N.J., April 13-18. This will be first time National Association of Public School Adult Educators (NAPSAE) will meet to discuss mutual problems.

▶ CLASSROOM TEACHERS NATIONAL CONFER-ENCE is set for Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio July 6-18. A varied professional and cultural program is being planned. A \$75 fee will cover conference program, board, living accommodations, and incidentals; advance enrollment is open.

▶ STATE ASSOCIATION professional staff personnel will meet with National Association of Secretaries of State Teacher Associations at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio (in the suburbs of Cleveland), June 26-28. The day after adjournment staffmen will move ten miles east to register for NEA Convention.

▶ EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES (NAES) will hold a summer workshop at the University of Colorado in Boulder July 7-18. Registrations before June 1 to Glenn Jensen, University of Colorado. Tuition: \$30 for two weeks; \$20 for one week.

▶ SMORGASBORD experience is the description used in promoting the convention of NEA's Department of Audio-Visual Instruction (DAVI) set for April 21-25 in Minneapolis. There will be "something for everybody", including idea swap shops, how-to-do-it sessions, and field trips.

MAXIMUM SALARIES have increased more than minimums over the past four years, says NEA Research. In cities of 500,000 or more population median of top maximum increased \$1150; medium of minimums was up \$600. In cities of 100,000 or more median top gain was \$870, minimum up \$606.

▶ BEA GUDRIDGE, assistant director of NEA Press and Radio Relations, in San Francisco for AASA convention, says, "A school without a public relations program is like a man winking at a girl in the dark—he knows what he's doing, but she doesn't. Too many teachers and administrators hide their schools under a bushel and think it only the natural thing to do. This keeps the public in the dark about schools, which doesn't mean sudden death but the odds for thoughtful, continued public support under such circumstances are not good."

▶ DR. T. M. STINNETT, executive secretary of NEA's TEPS Commission, says that "27 states report a trend toward less specificity in certification requirements. The most impressive trend is the reduction in the number of separate-name certificates issued. Twelve states now issue five or fewer separate-name certificates."

▶ CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST in education has never been higher, reports *Better Schools*, but paradoxically, there is little hope in Washington that enough votes can be mustered to pass some form of legislation supporting education at this session.

Salary Consultants Are Ready to Help

THIRTY salary consultants for CTA have completed their instruction and orientation and are now available to help local associations in California to work out salary schedule and budget problems.

For several years most technical advice on salary matters has been provided by staff personnel from the CTA Research department in San Francisco. Limited manpower and increasing demand, however, made it necessary to expand the service by employing part-time competent leaders to assist CTA Field Service representatives. This was made possible this year for the first time when the six Sections underwrote the additional payroll and travel expense.

Requests for consultation service should originate with presidents of chartered local associations and should be directed to the executive secretary of the appropriate Section.

Here are the names of the consultants who were ready for call early last month, as well as Field Representatives and Section staff available for salary counseling:

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CALENDAR of coming events

APRIL

6-12—NEA, International Council for Exceptional Children; international convention; Kansas City, Mo.

8—Representatives of CTA affiliates; San Francisco.

8-11—National Catholic Education Assn.; 55th annual convention; Philadelphia.

9-12-NEA, National Council of Mathematics Teachers; 36th annual meeting; Cleveland.

10-12—California Council on Teacher Education; Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara.

10-12—AAHPER, NEA, southwest district convention; Salt Lake City.

11-12-CTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING: Asilomar.

12-CTA state board of directors; Asilomar.

16-18—California Assn. of Public School Business Officers, annual convention, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles.

17-18—Council for Home Economics Teacher Education in California; biennial state meeting; Hotel California; Fresno.

17-19—National School Boards Assn.; annual convention; Fontainbleau Hotel; Miami.

18-CTA Central Section board of directors meeting; Fresno.

18-19—California Council of Personnel Assns.; regional guidance conferences; Fresno, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

19-CTA Central Section advisory council; Fresno.

19-Southern California Social Science Assn. Spring Conference; co-sponsor Southern California Council on Economic Education; Fullerton UHS.

19—Southern California Junior College Assn., spring meeting; Orange Coast College.

NORTHERN SECTION

Bruce Thaver, Sacramento

August F. Blanchard, West Sacramento Thurston Hatch, Chico F. McElwain Howard, CTA-NS, Sacramento Erwin Howlett, CTA, Chico 19-Teacher Education regional conference; Los Angeles

19-CTA Northern Section executive board meeting; Marysville.

21-25—Dept. of Audio-Visual Instruction; NEA, annual national convention; Minneapolis.

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21-26-PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

23-25—California School Supervisors Assn., Northern Section meeting; Richardson Springs.

23-26—AAHPER, NEA, northwest district convention; Portland.

26-CTA Northern Section; International Relations Institute; Sacramento State College.

26—California Continuation Assn., northern section meeting; Mc-Kinley High School, Berkeley.

26—Teacher Education regional conference; Visalia.

29-May 2—American Industrial Arts Assn., annual convention; Boston.

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2-CTA Bay Section, board of directors meeting.

2-3—CSTA annual executive council meeting; Asilomar.

2-3-California Federation International Council for Exceptional Children; annual convention; U. S. Grant Hotel: San Diego.

2-4—Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Chi State Calif.; state convention; Huntington Sheraton: Pasadena.

2-4—California Aviation Education Assn., spring conference; Los Angeles.

3-CTA Central Section; executive board meeting; dept. of classroom teachers; Visalia.

3-California Business Education assn., Central Section; Clovis UHS; Fresno.

3-California Continuation Assn. Southern Section meeting Snyder HS; San Diego.

3-4-California Council of Geogra phy Teachers; state convention; Santa Rosa.

5-9—California Congress of Par ents and Teachers; board of managers meeting and convention; San Francisco.

The Key to Professional Status: Higher Standards

THE teacher shortage has continued so long that we are in danger of accepting it as inevitable and ceasing to worry about it. It is time we ceased to consider the teacher shortage as an emergency. Any crisis which persists for thirty years ceases to be a crisis and becomes a

condition. Through good times and bad for more than a generation we have faced a shortage of well qualified, adequately prepared teachers. This condition is so permanent that we cannot hope to solve it by emergency crash programs or any easy panacea. The continuing teacher shortage is evidence that society simply does not value teaching as highly as a free society must, if it is to survive. Incidentally we cannot expect society to evaluate the significance of our work any higher than we ourselves do. As long as we, without protest, permit anyone to teach, society will assume that anyone can teach.

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Through research and observation the conclusion seems inevitable that there is a close relationship between teacher supply and professional requirements. Holding standards high does not decrease supply, but increases it. There is every evidence that raising standards increases both the quality and quantity of candidates.

The issue of whether teaching is to be a profession or a job must be settled soon. If teaching is to be just a job then public education in America must fall far short of the destiny assigned it by our early statesmen. If teaching is to be a profession we must define the requisites to such status and strike out boldly to achieve them.

Vocations which require relatively high prestige status for the effective performance of their work are commonly called professions.

Prestige is sometimes interpreted by those who seek it merely in terms of authority, importance or power. The professional teacher must have prestige but he interprets these qualities not as ends in themselves but as essential means without which he cannot render the essential service society demands of him.

True prestige offers importance and authority but these attributes are compounded of trust, confidence and faith. The physician must have the confidence and trust of his patient or his prescription will be less than effective. The attorney must be trusted by his client or he cannot properly serve him. The teacher must have the trust and confidence of the pupil or the learning process is impaired. The essential defense for a prestige status for teachers is thus seen to be in the very nature of the learning process itself. Teachers must have prestige to teach effectively.

We can now state the conditions which, if achieved, would guarantee teaching the prestige status and public recognition enjoyed by the traditional learned professions. The nature and importance of the teachers' task is such that its practitioners must be intellectually able,

must possess a defined body of subject matter and skill, must pursue their work as a career, must undergo a long and arduous period of preparation, must be dedicated to the welfare of those they teach, must be accorded a high degree of autonomy in day-to-day practice, must participate in the development of necessary group solidarity and subject themselves to the discipline inherent in such solidarity and must be well paid and professionally secure. This definition of what we mean when we use the term "teaching profession" becomes a statement of aims and objectives of any pro-

fessional teachers organization.

Euphonious expressions of hope that we may some day achieve these conditions will not suffice. If we wait for the propitious time for action, that time will never come. Certain conclusions may be drawn, at the moment, which suggest positive lines of action:

- 1. The general education requirements for teachers should immediately be strengthened. Not just any Bachelor's degree will meet the need. The undergraduate program must provide work of relatively high calibre in languages, literature, science, mathematics, history, fine arts, sociology and political science.
- Specific requirements in education courses should be minimized in favor of institutional responsibility to educate teachers who possess knowledge of the psychological and sociological bases for teaching with relatively more emphasis upon actual teaching competence.
- General professional acceptance must be secured for the minimum requirement of at least five years of college or university work if these objectives are to be achieved.



Arthur F. Corey
CTA Executive Secretary

Using the title "No Other Sure Foundation", Dr. Corey delivered a major address at the March 10 session of AASA in San Francisco. Above is that portion of the speech in which he deals with personnel problems as a barrier to full realization of the potential for the public school system in America.

SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

TRIKING out for curriculum improvement, a Stepped-up system of counseling, and closer attention to individual pupils, 4500 delegates to a regional convention of the American Association of School Administrators in San Francisco March 8-11 answered their critics with educational specifics for the science age.

A tough program for able students was outlined by Dr. James B. Conant, president emeritus of Harvard University, who urged early identification of brainpower in an address opening the convention Saturday night. Conant, who is making a two-year Guggenheim study of the comprehensive high school (including four California high schools during his March visit), declared that academically talented students should be so challenged that they would be doing 15 to 20 hours of significant homework each week.

"They should acquire something like a mastery of at least one foreign language which will require at least three years of hard work, three years of mathematics (and many four); all of them should have taken either physics or chemistry or both, as well as a course in biology", the educator said.

The top 15 to 20 percent of a typical large comprehensive high school ought to be studying five solid subjects in each of the four high school years, Conant said.

In his observations in 13 states, Conant has found that able students are taking tough courses of study. A large percentage of boys are taking mathematics and science. More girls will be electing the program, he predicts. There is no need of a "crash" program—"if we do a good job with our able students". Schools generally are serving gifted vouth, he declared, through early identification and an advanced placement program, which might include calculus, college English, history, or

BARRIERS TO ACHIEVEMENT OUTLINED

Curriculum, personnel problems, and financial support are the barriers to achievements expected of our schools by our founding fathers, said Dr. Arthur F. Corey, CTA executive secretary, in speaking at the Monday night general session.

Reminding his audience that 40 million young people in American public schools, "living in an infinite variety of situations, in great cities, in remote mountains, in rich agricultural valleys, in industrial communities, are not a mass; they are all individuals. Will we have the courage, the creativeness and resources", he challenged, "really to develop an educational program for all American youth?'

"The most fundamental shortage in public education in America is money shortage", Corey declared. "Education, like national defense, is going to cost more if it is to be good enough to meet our needs. Unless we are willing to take a new and daring look at this problem and achieve a major breakthrough in our attitudes in school finance, this situation promises to become even more critical." (For another point in Dr. Corey's speech, see page 5 of this issue).

Administrators Answer Critics

Vigorously replying to the "scapegoating" of education and irresponsible criticism by self-interest groups, Dr. Benjamin C. Willis, general superintendent of Chicago schools, described counter forces. "If we were afraid for a while that the publicity given to Russia's allegedly heavy concentration on a science curriculum would provoke a similar imbalance in this country, we need not have worried. Scientists themselves raised some of the loudest voices for balance," he said.

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DISSIDENT VIEWS ALSO HEARD

Chill silence greeted two speakers. Frank Church, U.S. Senator (Dem., Idaho), said schools are not stimulating young people to their full potential, that they take "snap" courses with little science and math. Representative Frances Bolton (Rep., Ohio) warned against being "stampeded into a massive program of federal aid to education lest we find our principle of a union of separate and responsible states betrayed."

In one discussion session, Dr. James L. McCaskill, NEA assistant executive secretary for state and federal relations, described the billion-dollar teacher salary and construction bill now before the Senate and House. He pointed out that it provides for federal sharing in basic financial support of education but that the states will have full discretion in dividing federal allotments between salaries and construction. (See page 10 of this issue).

Art Linkletter emcee'd a special televised feature carried live over KQED and projected on a large screen to the Monday night session in civic auditorium. After viewing students and teachers at a new junior high school in the city, cameras swung on a panel representing industry, architecture, school boards, and administration. Dr. Harold Spears, San Francisco superintendent, appearing on the panel, had drawn major attention to his newly-announced "get tough" program providing a heavy study schedule for students who have recognized superior abilities.

STUDY GROUPS PROBE PROBLEMS

Over 4500 delegates from 12 western states took part in over 100 study groups which probed a range of currently critical problems in educational administration.

The San Francisco four-day meeting was the second of three to be held this year by AASA. Final policy decisions as expressed in resolutions will be announced early this month following the third regional conference in Cleveland March 29. Dr. C. C. Trillingham, Los Angeles county superintendent of schools, became AASA president March 15.

The 78-member NEA Board of Directors, meeting simultaneously in San Francisco March 8-9, wired President Eisenhower and top Congressional leaders, expressing "shock" at the announcement of the Administration's proposal to strengthen the economy through an anti-recession program "which ignores the emergency need for school construction."

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Education Center

With its expanded array of services to members—and a membership growth of more than 32,000 in five years—the walls of CTA's headquarters building in San Francisco seem almost to bulge. Every square foot of space is in use, and some departments are even now handicapped by overcrowding.

But plans for a new and more adequate building are on the drawing boards of a leading architectural firm, Welton Becket and Associates, one of the nation's largest. Though no definite schedule has yet been adopted for construction of the new building at the Burlingame site, a target date in late summer of this year has been set for ground breaking.

Thanks to the foresight of CTA leaders and membership of seven and eight years ago, the Association will be able to build without additional contributions from members or reduction in services.

FINANCING PLAN ADOPTED IN 1951

Executive Secretary Arthur F. Corey and members of the State Council of Education in 1950 developed a plan to keep the Association adequately housed, no matter how fast California and CTA membership might grow. Accordingly, the State Council, at its first meeting in 1951, raised dues one dollar with the understanding that this one-dollar-per-member would be set aside each year and used exclusively for building purposes.

On the strength of this action but with virtually no funds in hand, the state board of directors entered into a contract to purchase the six story building at 693 Sutter in downtown San Francisco. Members in general applauded the move, and it is their judgment which has been vindicated by the passing of time.

NEW BUILDING NEEDED SOON

Plans for a new headquarters building may already be overdue. An expanded program of services to members, approved by the State Council a year ago, has been implemented by employment of consultants to work with local teacher groups for improved salary schedules and by employment of added staff members to step up activities in Legislation, Public Relations, Field Service, and Teacher Education.

Since the normal rate of growth for CTA is better than 6,000 new members a year, it is apparent that state office

WALTER MAXWELL, author of this article, is CTA Executive for Administration in the headquarters staff and is in direct charge of the planning described here. As plans are completed, CTA Journal will publish architectural sketches and photographs, as well as full reports of construction progress.

CTA's bead quarters office building at 693 Sutter St. in San Francisco is now overcrowded. The nation's largest state teacher association must have a modern home large enough to carry on its expanding program.



staff and facilities cannot remain static for long. Without additional space in the near future, the efficiency of the headquarters organization would be seriously impaired.

In December of 1954 the State Council approved purchase of a site for a new education center in the Mills Estate, Burlingame, within five minutes drive of San Francisco International Airport. Studies had shown that the travel habits of those visiting the CTA building were rapidly changing. Few members were riding buses and trains; almost all were traveling by plane or private car. It was agreed that the new center should be close to the airport and should provide a sizeable area for free parking.

MANY DIVIDENDS TO MEMBERS

The building site covers six acres, an area which will provide ample parking facilities and still allow for building expansion.

There is every reason to expect new facilities to bring handsome dividends to CTA members. Numerous conference rooms will make it possible for almost all meetings to be held on CTA premises. A completely modern structure, housing much of the latest in office equipment, will add to both the quality and quantity of work done.

Equally important, perhaps, will be benefits derived from having other statewide associations, those affiliated with CTA, maintaining offices in the same building. Present plans provide space for the state headquarters offices of the California Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation; California Association of School Administrators; California Association of Secondary School Administrators; California Elementary School Administrators Association; and California School Supervisors Association. Other groups which have elected to take at least some space include the California Business Education Association; California Junior College Association; and California Scholarship Federation.

Day by day association within the same building of those who serve such organizations as these will contribute to improved communication, to greater understanding of common problems.

And the principal beneficiaries will be the schools and teachers—and boys and girls—of California.

Changes Described in 1957 Teacher Retirement Law

BENEFITS were changed not at all—or only slightly—by most of more than three dozen changes in the State Teachers' Retirement Law by the 1957 Legislature. Briefly, the major changes were:

Redepositing withdrawals. A person who has withdrawn his contributions upon termination of employment has the option of redepositing the amount withdrawn if he re-enters the system one year or more after the date of withdrawal. If he does not redeposit, he re-enters the system as a new member without credit for service and his new rate of contribution is based on his age at re-entry.

If a person re-enters the system within one year after the date of withdrawal, he is required to redeposit the amount withdrawn. Upon re-entry with redeposit not more than five years after withdrawal of contributions, the rate of contribution is based on the original entry age. Upon re-entry and redeposit after five years, the rate is based on the member's attained age. (Section 14524 amended and Section 14524.1 added.)

Dependent protection. Protection has been provided for dependents of a member who dies after qualification for, but before service retirement, by offering the options described below: (Sections 14565 and 14575 amended, new Sections 14638.1, 14638.2 and 14638.3 added.)

Irrevocable option. A member qualified for retirement, that is, at age 55 or over with credit for at least ten years of California service, may elect in advance of retirement to have his retirement allowance modified under Options 2 or 3, which reduce the member's allowance and provide an allowance for his beneficiary, as described in Section 14637.

If death occurs before retirement and after 30 days from the date the election is filed with the system, payments will be made to the beneficiary nominated and under the option elected, the allowance being calculated on the assumption that retirement had immediately preceded death. After the board has approved such an election, it may not be revoked or changed in any manner. If the member lives to retire, the retirement allowance will be modified under the option elected, even though the beneficiary nominated may not then be alive.

An election of this option precludes the payment of the basic death benefit (member's accumulated contributions plus an amount equal roughly to one-half of a year's salary) or an allowance that might otherwise be payable under the automatic option. Consent of a spouse who otherwise would qualify for the automatic option described in the next paragraph, is required to make the election valid.

Automatic "option." If the member does not elect the "irrevocable option", and

death occurs after qualification for service retirement, that is, at age 55 or over and with credit for at least ten years of California service, and before retirement, and qualifies otherwise for the basic death benefit, a monthly benefit is automatically paid to certain dependents.

The amount of the benefit is one-half the monthly retirement allowance to which the member would have been entitled had he retired for service on the date of death. The benefit is payable to the member's widow or dependent widower for life or until remarriage. To qualify for the benefit, the spouse must have been married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness which caused death. If there is no qualified spouse, or if

the spouse remarries, the payments will be made to children of the member under the age of 18 until the youngest attains the age of 18. Payments under this provision are in lieu of the basic death benefit, with a guaranty that the total allowance paid will be at least equal to the amount that would have been paid as a basic death benefit, unless the allowance is stopped by the death of the surviving spouse.

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If the member does not die before retirement, he will receive his full retirement allowance, unaffected by the automatic protection during the qualified period.

This automatic provision applies to members who are also members of local retirement systems, with modifications, because the member has not contributed fully to the state system. Amendments clarifying the status of local systems are now being considered by the legislature. If a death benefit is paid by a local system from public funds, payments to the dependents will be withheld until the amount so withheld equals the amount of such local death benefits.

Members Vote for Expansion in Plan B

Questions about teacher retirement in California continue to command major attention of CTA Field Representatives at local association meetings and in correspondence of CTA staff executives. In an effort to cover typical questions, the *Journal* has asked Ralph R. Nelson, CTA retirement consultant and former actuary in the state system, to provide a brief summary of changes in the law effective last October and to write answers to a few questions currently in the mail.

CTA members should know something about recent history of changes in the State Teacher's Retirement Law. Three years ago, for the second time in CTA history, every member was invited to vote on whether he wanted a change in the retirement system. Several years of detailed study by the CTA retirement committee and actuarial projections by a consultant firm were offered the membership for wide discussion. Overwhelmingly, by a vote of 9 to 1, membership indicated that it *did* want a change. On the same secret ballot, by a vote of more than 4 to 1, members favored "Plan B" over "Plan A", alternate proposals which had been printed in 100,000 booklets for statewide distribution. The action was reported in *CTA Journal*, January 1955 (pp 9-11) and February 1955 (p 6), with results reported by the executive secretary in April 1955 (p 3).

Subsequently, in the 1955 legislature, CTA proposed bills which provided for changes in the law closely paralleling the Plan B suggestions. The process was democratic and the results were decisive; the will of the vast majority of California teachers had been expressed in the law.

Again the membership voted to determine whether the new law should provide some type of survivor's benefits. The April 1956 CTA Journal published a full account of effects of provisions within the system and in integration with Social Security (OASI). A ballot was provided and the vote conducted in May, the returns reported on page 24 of September 1956 Journal. By 2½ to 1 members wanted survivor benefits written into the law and by more than 4 to 1 they wanted the retirement law amended without integrating Social Security. The legislature now has the problem under study.

The changes Mr. Nelson describes in accompanying columns of this issue are contained in a 12-page booklet titled "A Statement of Principal Provisions of the Retirement Law amended to October 1, 1957", available to CTA members without cost from CTA's San Francisco office. The booklet also contains a quick computation table and other formulae for figuring allowances.

The questions on pages 9 and 14 are anonymous and the answers are Mr. Nelson's.

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Preliminary payments. The retirement board may begin payment of retirement allowances in estimated amounts before completion of retiring members' records. New Section 14494.1 provides that differences between the estimated payments and the correct amount as determined later will be adjusted in subsequent payments.

This and minor amendments, including provision for an Executive Officer with authority to act, will hasten the first payment of allowances and otherwise promote flexibility and promptness in administrative actions

Military service. Credit may be allowed for military service under specified conditions. An amendment of Section 14449 provides that credit will no longer be given for Red Cross service rendered after September 10, 1957. A person who voluntarily continues in military service after January 1, 1958, or after the expiration of six months following the date of termination of the original term of enlistment, service, or tour of duty, whichever is later, will not be credited under the retirement system with military service rendered after that date or that six months.

Disability. New Section 14640.5 provides that in no event shall the disability retirement allowance be less than the service retirement allowance (both exclusive of the annuity from deposits) which the retiring member would have received if he had retired for service instead of disability. New Section 14631.2 applies this provision to allowance of persons already retired, effective last October 1.

RETIREMENT

Questions Answered

by Ralph R. Nelson,
Actuary

Ques. My mother is my beneficiary under the State Teachers' Retirement System and I am an unmarried woman teacher. I am eligible to retire, but my school district wants me to go on teaching. Shall I file an early option election and, if so, how do I go about it?

Ans. You do not give either your age or the age of your mother, but you present the type of problem which is most satisfactorily solved by the irrevocable option permitted by law. You should ask the Retirement

System for forms. If you are age 60, for example, and if your mother is only 20 years older than you, you could elect option 2 and have your own allowance reduced only to 97.9% of your unmodified allowance, with the continuance of this allowance to your mother. Different ages will give different percentages, but not materially different from that quoted above. Option 3 would result in even less reduction, with half continuance of your reduced allowance to your mother. If your mother should die before your retirement, you would receive the reduced allowance at your retirement but the amount of reduction is very small. Tables on page 11 of the Retirement System's pamphlet show percentages of allowance reduction for various sex and age combinations under irrevocable option elections.

Ques. I note that among changes in the retirement law is provision for an Executive Officer. How will his appointment help in the handling of work for members of the Retirement System?

Ans. The appointment provided for under Section 14301.1 principally provides a title for a position already existing but it also permits an increase in the occupant's power to act. This change, combined with an increase in staff personnel proposed in the current budget, will do much to expedite estimated retirement allowances to hasten the first payment.

Ques. When I retired under the Los Angeles local system, I terminated my membership under that system and made contributions to the state annuity fund. I understand it is possible for me to change my option under the state system. How and when may I do that?

Ans. From your question, it appears that you did not retire from the local system, but on the contrary terminated that membership in anticipation of retirement. You, therefore, were retired only under the State Teachers' Retirement System. If you elected an option at that time, or accepted the unmodified allowance, you cannot now make a change. The provision in the retirement law for making changes in option elections relates to the individuals who, after retirement, relinquished the allowance from the local system, and in-

stead receive one from the state system alone, based on the full state formula. If such an individual elected an option under one but not both of the systems at retirement, a change of the option election would be permitted. You apparently do not fall within this group.

Ques. How has the law been changed to provide greater protection to survivors of teachers who die while in active service?

Ans. The 1957 legislature added Section 14638.1, which permits irrevocable election of either option 2 or 3 as provided in the law, upon qualification for but before service retirement. The effect of these options is explained in the fourth and following paragraphs of the accompanying summary of changes in the law.

Ques. What is the normal death benefit under the present law and how does it apply to the wife of a male teacher who dies in service at the age of 58?

The regular death benefit un-Ans. der the retirement system, if death occurs before retirement and within the time limits set forth in Section 14575.5, is the accumulated contributions of the member, plus an amount roughly equal to one-twelfth for each completed year of credited service, not to exceed six, of one year's salary, at the member's last salary rate before death. If a male member of the system dies before retirement at the age of 58, with at least ten years of California service, his wife would have the right to elect to receive this regular death benefit, or to receive an amount equal to one-half of the retirement allowance to which he would be entitled if he had retired for service at the date of death.

Ques. I am a married man of 58 with two children and I now have 25 years of credited service in the State Teachers' Retirement System. My wife is my beneficiary. We had previously discussed the options available and had decided that I would elect option 3 when I retire. Since I expect to be teaching at least another two years, do you think it would be wise for me to make this option election now?

Ans. If you plan to elect option 3 at actual retirement, there apparently would be no reason for you to make

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Federal Funds Asked for Schools

A LMOST exactly two months after the National Education Association unveiled its legislative program to increase teacher salaries and speed school construction, Representative Lee Metcalf (D-Mont.) introduced HR 10763 in the House of Representatives. Mr. Metcalf is an important member of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Senator James E. Murray (D-Mont.) introduced the identical bill as S 3311. There are 13 co-sponsors in the Senate.

The language of a proposed law often is a forbidding thing. In part this is true for the NEA-sponsored legislation, but the "Findings and Purpose" of the proposed Murray-Metcalf bill can well speak for themselves:

"The Congress finds that despite sustained and vigorous efforts by the states and local committees, which have increased current school construction to an unprecedented level, and have likewise increased expenditures for teachers' salaries, there is still a serious national shortage of classrooms and of teachers requiring emergency action on the part of the Federal Government. The limited financial resources available to many communities are not adequate to support construction programs of sufficient size to eliminate their classroom shortages, and practically all communities are faced with the problem of providing reasonable compensation to their growing numbers of teachers. While the Congress recognizes that responsibility for providing adequate school facilities and teaching staff lies primarily with the states and local communities, the national interest requires that the Federal Government assist state and local governments in solving these pressing problems. It is the purpose of this Act to provide Federal financial assistance on a grant basis to help meet the problems of inadequate facilities and inadequate teachers' salaries.'

Members of the NEA Division of Legislation and NEA attorneys were active in the preparation of this bill, and it is not surprising that HR 10763 and S 3311 closely reflect NEA policies and would go far to overcome educational shortcomings in the U.S. It authorizes:

1958-59—\$ 25 multiplied by school-age population—approximately \$1.1 billion.

1959-60-\$ 50 multiplied by school-age populationapproximately \$2.2 billion.

1960-61-\$ 75 multiplied by school-age population—approximately \$3.3 billion.

1961-62—\$100 multiplied by school-age population—approximately \$4.5 billion.

For California, the proportionate share of these funds would be \$78,155,000 in 1958, rising to \$335,732,000 in 1961. For California to qualify for this allocation, it is necessary that it maintain state and local support for school financing at a rate equal to the national effort.

State and national effort have been defined in the NEA-sponsored teacher salary and school construction bill. In practice, each state will be required to keep its effort index at or above the national effort index. This will be based on the ratio between current expenditure per child in average daily attendance in public schools and the income per child (age 5-17 inclusive, determined by U. S. Census). S 3311 requires no matching of funds. It permits California to spend all of its allocation for teacher salaries or for school construction. California is free to divide its allocation between teacher salaries and school construction and basic instructional equipment, as determined by the State Board of Education.

As usual, the proposed bill provides assurance against federal interference in the schools:

"In the administration of this Act, no department, agency, officer, or employee of the United States shall exercise any direction, supervision, or control over the personnel, curriculum, or program of instruction of any school or school system."

Two days after the bill was introduced in the House, NEA Executive Secretary William G. Carr appeared before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to testify on the educational needs of the nation. With Senator Lister Hill (D-Ala.) in the chair, Dr. Carr explained:

"Perhaps the clearest and most direct approach in explaining the need for a program that would strengthen the entire financial structure of public elementary and secondary education is to examine some of the possible effects of the NEA proposal. It is designed to permit the state and local school systems maximum discretion in how, and for what, the federal allocations could be spent.



CALIFORNIAN LEADS FIGHT FOR FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOLS

Mrs. Tregilgas, former member of the State Council of Education and last year's senior California NEA director, is vice chairman of the NEA Legislative Commission. A resident of Palos Verdes Estates, she teaches sixth grade at Compton.

"... It might be reasonable to assume ... the same ratio between salaries of instructional staff members and classroom construction as the state and local school systems are now expending.... Since information is not available on expenditures for instructional equipment, it might be assumed rather arbitrarily that 5% of the

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Based on the assumptions in this article, the average teacher in California would receive an additional \$440 in 1958-59, rising to approximately \$1800 in 1961-62. If federal aid to schools should be enacted on this scale, a median salary for California teachers of \$7500 a year is in sight.

federal allotment to the states would be spent for the purchase of basic instructional equipment. On the basis of these two assumptions, 65% of the funds allocated to the state education agencies would be expended to increase teachers' salaries, 30% would be spent for the construction of classrooms, and 5% would be spent for basic instructional equipment. This is not a forecast of how states would spend their allocations, or a prescription of how they should spend them if the NEA program were enacted; these data are merely examples of what the funds could purchase."

For California in 1958 this could mean \$50,801,000 for teacher salaries, \$23,446,000 for construction, and

\$3,908,000 for equipment. By 1961 these figures should quadruple, adjusted for changes in population.

Dr. Carr's testimony underlined the fact that this proposed legislation is a long-range proposal. While the NEA heartily endorses the Murray-Metcalf bill, it also is interested in other education bills which are receiving considerable attention throughout the country and Washington. In short, the NEA and California Teachers Association take this stand:

- Federal scholarships and fellowships should be made available to capable high school graduates who would otherwise find it financially difficult to attend college.
- Funds should be made available to encourage the state education agencies to expand their educational services to local school systems.
- Federal assistance for such clearly useful programs as vocational education, library services, school lunches, and aid to federally affected areas should not be reduced or terminated until it can be demonstrated that the need can and will be met from other sources.
- Legislation should be passed to provide tax equity for teachers who spend their own money to improve professional competence.

The most crucial part of the NEA program, however, lies in the Murray-Metcalf program. As Dr. Carr put it in his testimony:

"The NEA firmly believes that measures of the magnitude included in these bills represent the minimum steps required to strengthen public education at this time."

Group Life Plan Grows Fast In Its Initial Year

A recent report to the CTA advisory panel on insurance presented by Occidental Life Insurance Company covered the first year of operation of the new CTA Group Life Insurance Plan

The CTA Group Life Insurance Plan became effective December 1, 1956. An announcement of the plan was sent to all CTA chapters soon thereafter, and was also publicized in the CTA Journal.

State law requiring a 75% enrollment created a problem for many of the districts. In spite of this problem, enrollment in the plan during the first year exceeded expectations. Anticipating that some chapters might have enrollment problems, especially in larger school districts, Occidental agreed to permit enrollment by subunits within the district. Since women teachers seem less interested than men in life insurance, arrangements were made whereby 75% of the eligi-

ble men in the chapter were permitted to enroll in the plan. Also, arrangements were made whereby a district might enroll by school levels. For example, if a high school faculty (or the male members of the faculty) is able to enroll 75% of the eligible members, they would be admitted to the plan.

In some unified school districts, enrollments have started at the junior college level; later on, the high schools and elementary groups have followed suit. But the rule held that: (1) the plan must be officially endorsed by a CTA chapter before a



"Excuse me children. I suspect it's time for another peek at that little old lesson plan."

group is eligible to enroll; (2) only CTA members are admitted to the plan; and (3) arrangements must be made for payroll deductions. Representatives of Occidental Life Insurance Company are available to meet with teacher groups and to assist in enrolling interested chapters or subunits.

In its first year of operation, 56 groups throughout the state enrolled in the CTA Group Life Insurance Plan, with a total of 1873 persons. The majority of enrolled groups selected Schedule 3, which provides maximum coverage. Of the 56 groups, 44 consisted of men only; the other 12 groups enrolled both men and women. The total amount of insurance now in force exceeds \$20,000,000 in the CTA Group Life Plan. The loss experience during the first year was satisfactory, as only two claims were filed and paid.

Occidental reports increased interest in the CTA Group Life Plan. The insurance panel urges all local CTA chapters to discuss the plan at a chapter meeting and to invite an Occidental representative to come to answer questions.

HOW TO OUTFIGURE SPUTNIK

Statistics can be useful. But vague bases can distort the figures we throw about carelessly. In order to get a fair appraisal of your science and math programs in terms of enrollment, examine the facts behind the figures.

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O NLY 4.4 per cent of the students in American high schools take physics!

Not more than two per cent of the teachers in United States secondary schools are properly prepared in advanced nucleonics!

The percentage of students taking fourth year Latin has steadily decreased since 1900!

Have you read or heard these and other pronouncements about the schools in which you work? Have you ever wondered if these statements are true? If you haven't you should start developing a little healthy skepticism. Have you ever wished that you, too, could make such pronouncements? If you haven't, you aren't human.

Now there is no doubt that statistics have their uses. Percentages enable us to discuss relative amounts without being confused by absolute numbers. For instance, if the teachers in Eager Beaver unified school district get a raise totaling \$60,000; while those in Gigantic City school district get one amounting to \$6,-000,000, did the Eager Beaver salary committee settle for peanuts? Not necessarily. Suppose the total salary budget for the Eager Beaver unified school district had been \$600,000; while that for Gigantic was \$100,-000,000. If this were the case, Eager Beaver teachers got ten additional dollars of salary for every hundred they had been getting; while the Gigantic faculty members only got six new dollars for every hundred they had been getting. The huge size of Gigantic has obscured the fact that they got a poorer salary adjustment than did relatively small Eager Beaver. This is obvious if we express the raises in percentages and say that the Eager Beaver salary budget was raised ten per cent; while that of Gigantic increased only six per cent.

This same advantage applies to the use of percentages in connection with science and mathematics enrollment. Super Dooper senior high school may have 200 students enrolled in chemistry in comparison to Jerkwater High's 50, and still be doing less in getting eligible students into chemistry. Suppose Super Dooper has 500 talented and interested boys and girls who are at the grade level to be enrolled in chemistry, whereas Jerkwater has only 100. Super Dooper has only two out of every five enrolled of those who probably should be: while Jerkwater has one out of every two. In other words, Super Dooper is taking care of 20 per cent of its potential chemistry students and Jerkwater is providing for 50 per cent. So much for the advantages of percentages.

As every schoolboy knows (in some far-off time and place), you find the per cent by dividing the amount you are interested in by the total amount and multiplying the answer by one hundred. (Every school boy may know it; but it's certain that not all adults do!) All right, so you know

that! The reason for the arithmetic lesson is to remind you that two things enter into the calculation of every per cent. The first is the item directly under discussion, such as the number of students enrolled in chemistry or physics. This usually does not give much trouble. However, the second item is an entirely different story.

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The second item in any percentage calculation is the number of things with which the first is compared. For instance, in figuring the percentage of high school students enrolled in trigonometry, the second figure may be the number of students who completed the prerequisite courses in algebra and geometry and who are interested in mathematics, or it may be the number who think they ought to take the course, or the number enrolled in the school, or (very often) the number some armchair critic thinks ought to want to take it. Each of these numbers will result in a different percentage even though the actual number enrolled does not change.

What has all of this to do with the current uproar over science and mathematics in the public schools? Simply this. Most of the critics of our schools and most of the proposers of crash programs fling percentages around like confetti. Many of them act as though the percentage figures meant something simply as figures and propose all kinds of plans designed to make magic changes in

these numbers. Now teachers know better than anybody else that American education can be improved. Furthermore, they know that improvement ought to be made in our science education. But this does not mean that all suggestions for change will be improvements. It does not even mean that all the bright ideas suggested by the percentage quoters will be harmless. It does mean that teachers should know the true situation and should be ready to make this known to parents and other citizens who are concerned about our schools and their program.

Perhaps the first step for teachers (and principals, supervisors, superintendents, and professors of education, too!) is to take a close look at the figures being tossed around in current magazines and newspapers. For instance, in 1956 only 2.9 per cent of the students in American public high schools were enrolled in trigonometry, according to authentic figures supplied by the U.S. Office of Education. However, as the Office points out in its pamphlet on "Offerings and Enrollments in Science and Mathematics in Public High Schools," this is the percentage that trigonometry enrollees bear to ALL students in the last four years of high school. But ninth graders cannot be expected to study trigonometry before having had algebra and geometry; and, even if they could, they would not then be expected to retake it in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. When this fact of scholastic life is taken into account, we get a very different picture. If we compare the number of students taking trigonometry with the number of students enrolled in the twelfth grade (where it is usually taken), we find that the percentage is raised to 9.2.

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But not all students can or should take trigonometry even though they happen to be in the twelfth grade. Some have low academic ability, some are specializing in business education or other curricular areas for which trigonometry would be purely extraneous study. It has been estimated that perhaps 10 per cent of our high school graduates have the ability to become scientists or engineers. If this is true, then only one-tenth of the students enrolled in the twelfth grade should be taking trigonometry. If this number is used as the base in

calculating our percentage, we find that the number actually taking the subject is 92 per cent of those who should be enrolled.

Of course the picture is not this simple. Some high schools have more students with the personal and intellectual characteristics needed for success in science and mathematics than others. For some institutions an enrollment of 2 per cent of their eleventh graders in college preparatory



chemistry would represent a satisfactory ratio. For others who happen currently to have a bumper crop of young geniuses, even 90 per cent might be low. So, although national and state-wide figures have some use, there really seems to be no substitute for do-it-yourself.

Why not consult the cumulative records and find out how many students your school actually has in each grade who have both the mental equipment and the felt interest needed for success in technical academic courses such as chemistry, physics, advanced algebra, and trigonometry? Then use this number (for the appropriate grade) as the divisor in calculating the per cent the enrollment in each of these courses is of the number of students who could profit from it. It will probably be very much higher than the newspaper and radio commentators think. If you take the next step and look at the future plans of your older students, you may be able to reduce the number who should be in these courses still more. There is no compelling reason why the student dedicated to journalism, art, or music should take technical science or mathematics courses—although they may not hurt him. With a little imagination you should soon be able to derive, using perfectly sound mathematics, a truly impressive percentage.

One word of caution. You might find that you have an enrollment in some of these courses that is more than 100 per cent of the students who ought to be there. A little excess can be explained by the fact that some eleventh graders take physics even though it is a senior course, or some juniors cannot fit chemistry into their eleventh-grade program, so they take it as seniors.

Large excesses above 100 per cent indicate real problems, however. They probably will result from students who should be in general science courses or physical science courses designed for the non-technical college preparatory student, being forced into classes that should have been reserved for the future scientist and engineer.

Maybe instead of laws requiring all students to take four years of mathematics and two years of advanced science, our political leaders ought to be advocating measures designed to prevent the dilution of technical science and mathematics courses with students who lack the ability or the interest to profit from them.

Whatever your opinion concerning who should take advanced science and mathematics (or English or Latin or shorthand), you should see from all this that you can check your own position with respect to enrollment By a little judicious juggling of the base you can prove that the number of students in your department should be doubled if democracy is to survive. Or you can prove that your counselling program has been 99 and 44/100 per cent successful in getting future scientists properly placed in the school program. Or you can even prove that we ought to use some common sense in our educational reactions to Sputnik!

-Garford G. Gordon, CTA Research Executive.

RETIREMENT . . .

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the election currently. The automatic payment to your surviving wife, assuming that your death would otherwise qualify for the regular death benefit and that she was married to you prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness causing death, would be one-half the allowance to which you would be entitled at the date of death for service. A table on page 7 of the Retirement System pamphlet shows that the automatic allowance is greater than the allowance under option 3. By depending on the automatic provision, you will run the relatively small risk that your death might not qualify for the regular death benefit as provided in Section 14575.5. Under the irrevocable option, this requirement would not exist.

There is no provision for irrevocable election of option 1, but option 2 would provide a larger allowance than the automatic one-half allowance unless your wife is many years younger than you. If you are going to work only two more years, you reasonably could elect option 2 now, to guarantee that your wife would receive the larger amount as shown in the table on page 7. You would run the risk, however, that she would die prior to your retirement; leaving you with an allowance reduced under the option, regardless of when you retire.

Ques. I left the teaching profession, at least temporarily, at the end of the last school year. If I withdraw my contributions from the State Teachers' Retirement System, and then decide to return to teaching, will I have to pay this money back to the System in order to draw full retirement benefits?

Ans. If by "full retirement benefits" you mean a retirement allowance based on all the service which you have rendered in a status subject to the retirement system, then the answer is that you would have to redeposit your withdrawn contributions upon return to teaching in order to qualify for "full retirement benefits." If that return was more than one year after the withdrawal of the contributions, you could elect not to redeposit, as explained in the second and third paragraphs of accompanying summary.

Ques. If I do not select an irrevocable option, what will be the effect on my dependents?

Ans. If you do not select an option but should die after qualification for retirement and before service retirement, and leave a spouse or children or dependent parents eligible within the meaning of Section 14638.2, they will be entitled in the order named in that section to an allowance equal to one-half of the service retirement allowance to which you would have been entitled if you had retired for service, on the date of death. The one-half would be less than your beneficiary would receive under option 2, but greater than under option 3.

Ques. I expect to retire next June. What should I do with respect to my retirement before the date of final active service? I understand I must

file a formal application. How and when should I do this?

Ans. If you intend to retire next June, you should write to the State Teachers' Retirement System, 721 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento 14, as soon as possible, announcing your intention and asking for the papers necessary to complete your records and make the application for retirement. That application may be filed not more than 90 days prior to the effective date of your retirement.

You should remember, however, that retirement cannot be made effective earlier than the first day of the month in which the application is filed and you should therefore file before July 1, for example, if you want to make your retirement effective in June. Full instructions will come with the papers sent from the System offices.

what I'd like to know is ...

Professional questions may be addressed to Harry A. Fosdick, CTA Public Relations Executive

Resignation and revocation

Ques. Can a teacher's credential be suspended or revoked if he asks to be released from his contract or if he just resigns, regardless of the reason for his leaving the job? Can the credential be suspended or revoked if the reason for the resignation is ill health, maternity, going into private business, returning to college for further study, or transfer of the teacher's husband to another city? Is it ethical for an administrator to threaten a teacher with "either you finish the year or I'll get your credential"?

Ans. A teacher's credential cannot be suspended or revoked merely for requesting a release from a contract or offering a resignation. However, if the teacher refuses to fulfill his contract even though the board refuses to grant such a release, the credential may be suspended for a full year.

A contract is a two-way obligation. It guarantees that the teacher cannot be dismissed during the contract year except for cause as specified in the tenure law. It also guarantees the district that it will have the services of this teacher for a full year unless the contract is rescinded by mutual

consent. I've never heard of a district refusing to grant a release where ill health or maternity is the basis for the request. It's entirely logical for a district to refuse for any of the other three reasons you mentioned unless a satisfactory replacement is available. inc

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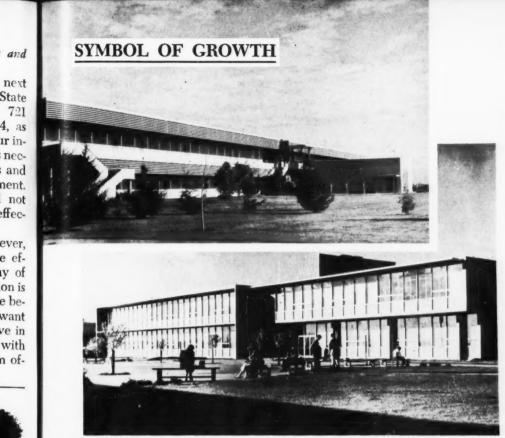
I would say that the wording of the threat you quoted is highly untactful, but such a threat should not be necessary since by signing his contract, the teacher has committed himself to complete the year.

Leave and tenure

Ques. I've been told that it isn't legal for a board to grant leave to a teacher who doesn't have tenure. Is this true, even in districts which are smaller than the 850 a.d.a. required for mandatory tenure?

Ans. The tenure status of a teacher has no bearing on the power of the governing board to grant a leave of absence. Education Code Section 13671 gives the boards unlimited power to grant leaves to certificated employees. Except for leaves due to illness, accident, quarantine, bereave-

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McLane Hall (upper) houses 20 modern laboratories to handle an increasing number of science-minded students. Future teachers will use classrooms in modernistic "ed-psych" building on campus.

May Program to Dedicate New Campus of Fresno State College

By Bernard A. Shepard

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CONSPICUOUS addition to the A public education facilities of the State of California has become a reality in the San Joaquin Valley. It is a new \$25,000,000 Fresno State College campus which is helping to insure a higher education for the steadily increasing number of students who want one.

The new campus will be dedicated officially during an academic convocation on Friday morning, May 9. Participating will be representatives from colleges and universities in the eleven Western states, delegates

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from educational and learned societies, state and local civic officials. Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, retiring president of the University of California, will deliver the main convocation address. President Arnold E. Joyal of Fresno State College will introduce Dr. Sproul and other dignitaries.

A big program planned for the dedication ceremonies will continue from May 4 through May 11. It represents the culmination of painstaking plans which began in 1946 and spurted later when the State purchased a site on the outskirts of Fresno. The plans developed steadily from drawing board stage, and Chief Justice Earl Warren, then Governor of California, officiated at groundbreaking ceremonies in October, 1950. Today, Fresno State College classes are conducted on an ultramodern campus that catches the eve of even a casual visitor or passerby.

The new Fresno State College campus also climaxes a continuing growth in enrollment and curriculum expansion since 1911. From a handful of students who entered a normal school 47 years ago, Fresno State has developed into a 5-year college of some 6000 students. Its curriculum is reaching also over the San Joaquin Valley through extension and summer programs, many of them geared for employed and prospective teachers.

Few areas of education and training, if any, have been missed in the plans for the big dedication program in May. Activities will range from insect exhibits and an electrical engineering open house to symphonic concerts and an outdoor presentation of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew. Outstanding musicians, authors, educators, and authorities in other fields will appear "on stage." Among them will be Dr. Arthur F. Corey, executive secretary of California Teachers Association, who will address several hundred education students at an open meeting in the college gymnasium on the morning of May 6.

Other highlights of the FSC ceremonies will be gatherings of state and national organizations. On May 5 a chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary education fraternity, will be installed on the FSC campus. More than 200 Phi Delta Kappans are expected to participate in the event. The San Joaquin Valley chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, another scholastic honor society, have scheduled meetings to pay tribute to the college. Presidents of the ten California State colleges and the State Board of Education will gather on the new campus, as will the Fresno County Historical Society and news personnel from San Joaquin Valley media.

Guided tours of the new campus will give the thousands of visitors a chance to see how young men and women are preparing for their future careers in the classroom and in the laboratory. They will have a chance to see 17 major buildings already in full use on a 900-acre site. They will see a new campus which symbolizes educational growth: glistening structures almost side by side with others under construction.

California Schools Teach American Way of Life

WENTY-NINE California schools Twent I-NINE Canton doms Foundation's school awards program for their contributions in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life during 1957.

On Washington's birthday the Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, announced the winners in the \$100,000 ninth annual national awards program. Highest award-the George Washington Award-went to former President Herbert Hoover.

School awards are made for exceptional programs on teaching the fundamentals of the American system. They include "pilgrimages" to Valley Forge, Valley Forge Freedom Library Awards, and George Washington Honor Medals.

Winners of Principal School Awards in the Benjamin Franklin category (including all three honors) included: John C. Fremont adult school, Los Angeles; Glendale high school; Lynwood high school; Palms junior high school, Los Angeles; Point Loma high school, San Diego; Franklin D. Roosevelt junior high school, Compton; San Francisco ele-

mentary schools.

Freedoms Library Awards (which includes a library of books, films, and other teaching aids and a George Washington Honor Medal) went to Belmont high school, Los Angeles; Holtville union elementary school; John Kelley school, Thermal; San Diego city schools; San Diego high school; Verdugo Hills senior high school, Tujunga; George Washington high school, Lynwood; Willowbrook junior high school, Compton: Woodrow Wilson junior high school, San Diego.

George Washington Honor Medal Awards were received by Anderson elementary school, Col. Thomas Baker school, Bakersfield: Bakersfield city schools, Richard Henry Dana junior high school, San Diego; Herbert Hoover high school, San Diego; Abraham Lincoln high school, San Jose; Lincoln junior high school, Santa Monica; Long Beach unified school district: Memorial junior high school, San Diego; Jean Parker school, San Francisco; Santa Barbara junior high school: Sweetwater union high school, National City: Mark Twain junior high school, Venice.

California schools took 19 per cent of all the honors granted in the school awards. San Diego schools came in for seven of the citations given for the state.

Freedoms Foundation was founded in 1949. It is a non-profit and nonsectarian organization created to bring about a better understanding of the basic principles underlining the Republic. President Dwight Eisenhower is honorary chairman. Chairman of the board and trustee is Don Belding, Los Angeles advertising executive.

In the national awards covering 17 categories, separate from the schools, 63 California individuals and firms were listed as winners of honors. Awards in this division consisted of cash grants and medals.

California schools have always ranked high in the number of awards granted in the last nine years. Policy

The design at right represents the basic philosophy of Freedoms Foundations. Themes of rights and responsibilities have proven valuable in classroom teaching of citizenship and government. Information on the Foundation and its program is available from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.



prohibits any school from participating in the pilgrimage in consecutive years. The pilgrimage award provides an expense-paid trip to Valley Forge for one teacher and one student from each winning school.

Distinguished Service Awards (for recipients of awards in at least seven of the nine programs) were granted to Lynwood high school at Lynwood and Willowbrook junior high school at Compton.

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Now the Mesdames outnumber the Misses in many of our faculties. Educators, board members, and parents have come to realize that often the homemaker and mother has a keen understanding of the children and becomes a more effective teacher as a result of her family living experiences.

Seldom considered, though, is the service rendered by the partner in matrimony. Husbands frequently play a part in improving teacher effectiveness.

Two husbands in the Palo Verde Valley unified district at Blythe have constructed scores of gadgets and gimmicks to pep up interest and learning in classrooms.

Harvey Sanders, operator of a service station on one of America's busiest highways (upper left), finds time to construct electrically operated chart boards. Mrs. Lorraine Sanders has a variety of charts which she can place

on the board and her first grade students pair off to match the correct word with the object. They are rewarded by a flashing red light when the correct answer is touched (lower right). When the motivation of the light wears off, Mr. Sanders will change the light to a buzzer.

Another fortunate schoolmarm is Mrs. Florence King, whose husband, Robert King (center left), seems to see an educational device in every advertising gimmick he sees in the store windows. Devices formerly aimed at educating the public to buy beer, cigarettes, or chewing gum are converted by Mr. King into devices to educate six-year-olds in readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic (lower left).

Harvey Sanders and Robert King are representative of many teachers' husbands who assist their wives by thought and deed. Many classrooms would not have flannel boards, chart racks, unique science displays, placevalue charts, number boards, post office boxes, etc., were it not for the ingenuity of teachers' husbands.

By Lyle Siverson and Ed Ritter

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How to Attract Beginning Teachers

Survey of placement offices in 20 California colleges discloses reasons given for making first employment choices.

By Henry C. Hall

S^{CARCITY} of teachers and a desire to upgrade teaching has resulted in many attempts to improve recruiting procedures. The personnel departments of school districts of California have displayed creative ingenuity in developing refinements in the customary methods of attracting beginning teachers. Expensive advertising campaigns, using the best chamber-of-commerce techniques and illustrated brochures describing school systems, were distributed to all teacher placement agencies. Superintendents and administrators visited college campuses, interviewing trainees and young teachers.

In an effort to appraise the effectiveness of these costly, time-consuming efforts, college teacher placement departments undertook to survey the beginning and the first year teachers of California. The survey was planned to include a 10 percent random sampling of young teachers. Twenty colleges and universities participated in the study; conclusions were drawn from 516 completed questionnaires.

Forty-two factors which influenced young teachers in selecting a school district were listed on the questionnaire form. These were grouped into five major categories. Students and first-year teachers were asked to evaluate each factor on a five-point scale. The compilation of returns disclosed some highly significant infor-

mation, the more important of which is presented here.

The most important source of in-

The most important source of information about a teaching position is personal observation, experience, or visits to the district-90 percent listing this as very important. Interviews with district personnel (84 percent most important) and conferences with college placement personnel (75.9 percent) were followed in descending order by information from friends (74.6 percent), copies of district salary schedules (71.8 percent), lists of teacher needs filed in placement office (64.9 percent), information from friends or relatives living in the district (58.8 percent). Other sources included student-teacher supervisors, college teachers, chamber of commerce-type publications, and district-prepared brochures.

Most important factor in the socioeconomic category is location: 95.2 percent of the replies gave this factor important rating. In descending order other items and percentages were: educational or cultural community facilities (83.7 percent), climate (82.3 percent), availability of living accommodations (80.9 per cent), size of community (76.8 per cent), relative cost of living (75.4 per cent), and recreational opportunities (74.0 per cent).

Apparently prospective teachers are most highly interested in what grades or subjects they are to teach, indicated by the 96.3 percent response indicating this to be very important. In descending order other matters of interest included class size (83.2 percent considered this very important), extent or amount of extra-curricular obligations (76.8 percent), size of school (59.3 percent),

and number of teaching or free periods (52.9 percent).

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Professional idealism indicated by reference to working conditions indicates the high purpose of young teachers. Of highest importance was the professional characteristics of the school staff (considered to be very important by 91.5 percent of replies). Other conditions attractive to beginners include opportunity for professional growth (very important to 86.9 percent), opportunities for individualized teaching (85.6 percent), quality and quantity of supervisory assistance (interesting that 84.1 percent of replies rated this as important), availability of audio-visual library and other teaching aids (84.0 percent), quality of educational leadership (83.6 percent), physical conditions of school plant (80.9 percent), opportunities for promotion within the district (79.1 percent) and size of school (62.8 percent).

As might be expected, beginning salary was of highest importance, 91.1 percent of the replies rating this as top priority in attracting beginning teachers. Several features of salary schedules are attractive; internal details of schedule (85 percent very important), maximum salary (71.3 percent), promise of improved schedule (77.4 percent). Opportunities for supplementing salaries (54.4 percent) and credit for previous experiences such as military (54.1 percent), and opportunities for tenure (77.2 percent) were other attractions.

A number of explanatory remarks were interesting in that they gave some insight into the young people's thinking. For example in discussing working conditions these comments were made:

Mr. Hall, of the placement bureau at University of San Francisco, is chairman of the survey committee of the Western Institutional Teacher Placement Association. This is a summary of the report he made to the recent CASA convention in Long Beach.

"High teacher morale important."
"I want adequate supervision."

"Opportunities for growth and advancement interest me."

"Are employer-employee relationships friendly?"

"I would like to teach under good educational leadership."

In considering location of the district these comments were given:

"I want to be near enough to travel home on week ends."

"I would like to teach near a large community."

Comments on salary were practical:

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"I need enough to raise a family."

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Many young teachers were impressed by the administrators who went to the college campus to interview candidates for appointment. These answers indicate the attitude:

"Supt. -- was wonderful."

"I'd like to work in his [principal's] school."

"The head of the English Department was grand."

Teachers who were about to sign their second contract were asked to fill out an additional part of the questionnaire form. The following reasons for leaving the district were given (listed in order of frequency of answers): Better salaries; location: nearer home, larger district; poor physical facilities in school; working conditions: teacher load, unsympathetic administration; lack of promotional opportunities; marriage: baby expected, husband is moved to another community; poor school-community relations; military service.

What holds teachers in the district? These answers are illuminating: High professional morale ("teachers are grand"); friendly atmosphere of the school; fine educational opportunities for growth; excellent salary schedule; wholesome living conditions; pleasant community: made friends, happy family life, adequate housing, high status of teacher in community, climate, social life of the community; appropriate working conditions: length of the school day, reasonable teacher load; tenure; district policies—cooperation of Board, administrators, and teachers.

TO IMPROVE TEACHING OF HIGH SCHOOL MATH

HOWARD F. FEHR, head of the department of the teaching of mathematics at Teachers College, Columbia University, spoke on "High School Mathematics for the Second Half of the Twentieth Century" at the opening of the convention of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals at Indianapolis February 15. Here are his "guide lines for immediate steps to be taken in the present shortage of qualified teachers of mathematics":

In the teaching of high school mathematics in the immediate future, it is better to have teachers teach correctly what they do know and what is in the present program, than to have them attempt to teach any new material in which they are not secure.

In this period of shortage of qualified teachers, the capable and interested students should be given preference in instruction in a four-year program of mathematics, rather than to make an attempt to push the masses through the program.

The immediate problem in the reformation of the high school curriculum is the retraining (inservice education) of teachers in algebra, analysis, probability and statistical inference and fundamental concepts of mathematics from the contemporary view-point of mathematical thought.

This implies that undergraduate courses in college should include modern mathematics related to the secondary curriculum for all teachers in training, and these courses



"It's against the school rules even if they ARE filter-tips!!"



"I'm convinced measures could be taken to keep these school taxes down."

should be reflected in new teacher certification requirements.

Immediate steps should be taken to produce as soon as possible mathematics textbooks that are correct and modern.

The long-run problem of upgrading mathematics instruction for all students is a long-term problem on which we should work energetically. Short-term "crash programs" might do more harm than good.

It is unwise and unnecessary to pull qualified teachers out of classrooms (where they are sorely needed) for year-long institutes. Inservice courses given to teachers during evenings or Saturdays and in summer institutes will suffice to solve the problem of re-education. Local school districts can and should help finance the yearly inservice training.

The yearly institutes, and regular graduate programs should concentrate on producing new (and younger) teachers of mathematics, and in retraining those teachers and scientific personnel who are not needed in their particular areas at present and who also give evidence of interest and capability in the teaching of mathematics.

The immediate retraining of college mathematics teachers concerned with teacher education is the most effective way of solving the long range problem of producing quality teachers of mathematics.

Basic postulates: You cannot teach what you do not know; you cannot supervise teachers if you are ignorant of the modern approach to mathematics; the services of those who know must be drafted and effectively utilized.

WHEN HENRY NICHOLAS BOLANDER took his oath of office as Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of California on December 4, 1871, he was the sixth person to hold this office but only the second to come from the ranks of professional education. Like John Swett, Bolander had been a teacher in the San Francisco public schools and in common with him also had been a principal at the time of his election.

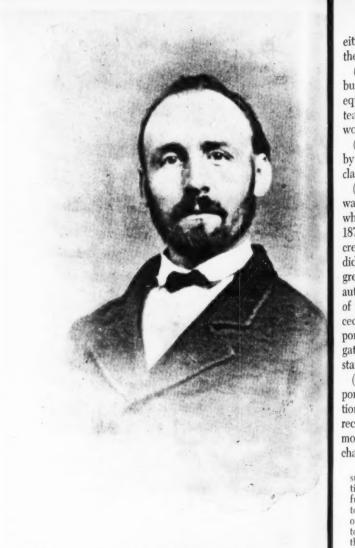
Henry N. Bolander was born in Prussia in 1831 and migrated with his parents to the United States when he was still very young. The family settled in Ohio and young Henry obtained a good education, becoming a botanist. In 1861 he removed to California, and in 1866 became a teacher in the San Francisco schools. In 1867 he was appointed principal of the newly established South Cosmopolitan School. San Francisco had a number of schools in which French and German were taught and these grammar schools were called cosmopolitan.

In addition to his school duties Bolander devoted much of his time to botany. In 1865 his treatise on the grasses of California was published as a California state document. In 1870 he authored *A Catalogue of the Plants Growing in the Vicinity of San Francisco*. In 1871, without opposition, the Republican convention nominated this San Francisco schoolman for state superintendent, and on October 18, he was elected. The vote was 48,860 for Bolander, and 34,312 for Fitzgerald, incumbent, his Democratic opponent.

Bolander made a fine leader for the schools of California. His first year was devoted to revising the course of study. He added two prescribed courses; music and drawing. This would seem to indicate that he understood and followed the educational philosophy of Froebel and Pestalozzi and the other sense realists. Later as superintendent of schools of San Francisco, he approved of the kindergarten movement and one of his reports contains quotations from Emma Marwedel, the pioneer kindergartner on the Pacific Coast.

In 1872 there was practically no new school legislation. In this year the State adopted the four codes, *Civil*, *Civil Procedure*, *Penal* and *Political*. The school law of the State was enacted in the *Political Code* with very slight change.

The year 1874, however, was a very important one in the field of school legislation, and Bolander saw the legislature adopt most of his many recommendations. So



Hung N. Bolander

much progressive school legislation was enacted in that year that it properly may be called a golden year of educational law making. Some of the important measures enacted included:

(a) One important enactment was that which established the educational rights of children by authorizing the enforcement of compulsory school attendance in

A Botanist Tends His Plants

Henry N. Bolander, a Prussian scientist, served as state superintendent of public instruction during a fertile period of school growth.

This biographical sketch of the sixth state superintendent is the fifth to be written by Dr. Conmy for CTA Journal. The sixth and last of the historical series will appear in the May issue. The author is librarian of the city of Oakland and NSGW director historical research.

By Peter Thomas Conmy

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either public or private school for all children between the ages of eight and fourteen.

(b) Most of the teachers in California were women but many school boards paid men higher salaries for equal work. One of the 1874 laws provided that female teachers must be paid the same rate as men for equal work.

(c) In 1874 women were not permitted to vote but by virtue of legislation enacted in that year were declared eligible to be elected to educational offices.

(d) Perhaps the most important piece of legislation was that which abolished the old state tax rate for schools which was 10 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation. In 1872 Bolander had recommended that the tax be increased from 10 cents to 12 cents but the Legislature did not listen. Now, in 1874 he saw a much more progressive measure become law. An annual state tax was authorized to raise \$7 for each child between the ages of 5 and 17, as shown by the school census of the preceding year. By this measure state taxation for the support of common schools in terms of a tax rate was abrogated for taxation in terms of a definite educational standard.

(e) This very progressive change in state school support was accompanied by an equally advanced apportionment law. In 1873 Bolander in his biennial report recommended that the plan of apportioning state school money on the basis of the number of census children be changed. He wrote:

The law is faulty, not so much primarily, by not providing sufficient funds, as by not providing for an equitable apportionment of the funds. At present the state and county school funds are apportioned to the school districts, not in proportion to the needs of each district, but in proportion to the number of census children. The number of census children belonging to a district determines the amount of funds apportioned to the district; but within a certain limit, the number of census children does not determine the expenses of maintaining a public school. Thus one district may have 15 census children, another 50; still the same amount is needed by each district to maintain a school for a definite length of time. Yet the former district may not obtain enough funds for a three months' school, while the latter district perhaps receives enough funds for an eight months' school.

Bolander ascertained that the cost of maintaining a one teacher school for an eight months' terms was \$690. The average teacher received a salary of \$60 a month or \$480 for the year. He estimated an additional \$20 necessary for fuel. Thus he concluded that each district should receive an apportionment of \$500 per teacher. The apportionment law of 1874 provided:

1. The State Superintendent shall apportion the State School Fund to the counties on the basis of the number of census children (ages 5-17) in the county

The County Superintendent shall apportion a minimum of \$500 to each district having at least 15 census children.

3. For every 100 census children or fraction thereof over 15, one teacher must be assigned to a district.

4. The County Superintendent shall apportion \$500 to each district for every teacher entitled under the formula above.

5. Any balance remaining unapportioned shall be apportioned among the districts on the basis of the number of census children, but only districts having 50 or more children shall receive any of this additional aid.

(f) In order to qualify for state aid a school district was required to maintain school for at least six months of the year. This amendment, effective July 1, 1875, was a tremendous step forward.

(g) The progressive legislation of the year was not limited to the state level. An amendment increased the maximum county tax rate for schools from 35c per \$100 assessed valuation to 50c. The minimum rate was raised also from \$3 per census child ages 5 to 15 to whatever amount might be necessary to provide \$500 for each statutory teacher in the district after the state apportionment had been credited. A statutory teacher was allowed for each 100 census children ages 5 to 15, or fraction of 100 over 15.

The greatest contribution made by Bolander in this legislation undoubtedly was the recognition of the need to apply the principal of equalization. As he wrote "in our centers of wealth and population the children have the advantage of a full year's instruction with the best facilities for learning, truth compels the confession that for the remote and sparsely settled districts of the State, our present system is wholly inadequate, and is but a pretense for popular education."

The social-civic aim appears to have been the dominant educational philosophy of Henry N. Bolander. This, of course, he held in common with most American educators of his day. At this period of history, however, the emphasis of educational leaders in this country was on the offering of educational opportunity through a free public school. Bolander added to this a belief that school attendance should be compulsory. In this he was asserting the paternalistic philosophy of his native country, and the benevolent despot idea from the same source. In his biennial report covering 1872-73 he wrote:

Admitted that education forms the only secure foundation and bulwark of a republican form of government, if not of every form of government; admitted that the universality of education becomes thus of vital importance to the State; and admitted that the exigencies of the case not only empower but compel the State to provide all the facilities necessary to enable every child to acquire at least a common school education, and we are forced to the conclusion that it is not only the privilege, but the duty of the State, to compel every parent to bestow upon his children at least the education which the State places within his reach.

Education is one of the primary conditions necessary to the very existence of civilized government. . . . The extension and intensity of education in a nation will determine the degree of the nation's civilization, and the degree in which a nation's government is a government "for the people and by the people"

Bolander's term as State Superintendent was due to expire on December 5, 1875. He might have sought renomination by the Republican state convention. But learning that James Denman, superintendent of schools of the City and County of San Francisco, had anounced that he would retire at the close of his term, Bolander ran for and was elected as his successor for the term January 1876 to January 1878. He had been a very successful schoolman and it was expected that he would bring the experiences of the state superintendency to that of the city and county. Unfortunately, political differences with the Board of Education arose, almost at the beginning of his term. Joseph Liggett, deputy superintendent under Denman, facing removal by Bolander, had secured appointment to the Board of Education. On

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Institutes Become An Institution

By Delwyn G. Schubert

A RE TEACHERS' institutes inevitable like death and taxes? Where did they start? Why did they start? Are they changing? Are they still worthwhile?

The first teachers' institute in the United States was called at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1839 by Henry Barnard. However, the designation, teachers' institute, was coined by Superintendent J. S. Denman in 1842 when he conducted a two weeks' class for teachers in Thompkins County, New York. During the 1840's Rhode Island, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania

pioneered in teachers' institutes.

The first institute in California was called by State Superintendent of Schools Andrew Moulder, at San Francisco in May of 1861 and enjoyed an attendance of 250. This was followed by other state institutes in 1862 and 1863. By 1885, institutes for teachers were held annually in counties having 20 or more school districts. In smaller counties institutes were held at the discretion of the county superintendent. Their popularity 75 years ago is attested to by the fact that 48 of California's 51 counties held annual institutes. Of the 3727 teachers in the State, 3298 attended. Teachers' attendance at this time was required by law, although there was no stipulated penalty for those who neglected or refused to attend.

More recently institutes have become a discretionary function of the district with teacher attendance still mandatory when and if institutes are held. Teachers failing to attend suffer salary losses which are proportional to the number of institute days missed.

Reports covering the status of institutes for the year 1955-1956 indicate current trends. During this year about one-half of the counties in California held institutes. The size, population, and location of these counties within the state seemed to have no bearing. Many of these counties evidenced the trend (it's still continuing) of holding other types of meetings as substitutes

Dr. Schubert is associate professor of education and director of the reading improvement program at Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences. He originally reported teacher attitudes toward institutes for January issue of California Journal of Educational Research. This expanded discussion drew on research from Monroe, Cloud, Smart, Nelson, Heffernan, and Wesley.

Teachers' institutes, once mandatory, should draw voluntary attendance, some believe. More than 100 years old, the institute may be dying out.

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for yearly institutes. Variations in institute patterns within California appear to be the result of 1953 legislation making institutes optional.

Of those counties holding institutes, one-half of them held meetings on consecutive days, several for one day, and others (larger communities like Los Angeles and Long Beach) provided a number of meetings during the year. Many districts held institutes before the beginning of school. These served varying purposes such as familiarizing teachers with school policy, previewing the

vear's work, etc.

For a number of years after their incipiency, teachers' institutes in the United States functioned like ambulatory normal schools and gave valuable professional training to teachers. Early institutes were likely to last one or two weeks and were occasioned by great social activity in which the lay population (often outnumbering teachers) played a dominant role. With the advent of greater numbers of teachers, institutes became more and more like general educational conventions for the discussion

of current educational problems. In a letter of the 1880's, Charles H. Allen, principal of the State Normal School at San Jose, wrote that teachers' institutes were valuable "in disseminating better methods of instruction, particularly among teachers who have had no special training for their work; in creating an esprit de corps in the profession; in stimulating all teachers to do their best; in wakening public interest in education and shaping public opinion to demand and be satisfied with only good work. No little advantage is derived from mere acquaintanceship formed among teachers at these gatherings." He bemoaned the fact that sometimes "crude plans" were suggested and that some "hobby teacher" presented MY METHOD. Often, too, he went on to say, institutes showed an unfortunate tendency to degenerate into debating sessions of a few people.

Although institutes have undergone changes since the 1880's, it's interesting to learn that teachers of today

share some of these same viewpoints.

From a recent survey of more than 100 experienced teachers in the author's classes in psychology of reading, ways in which teachers benefit from institutes were categorized, in order of frequency, as follows: Improved methodology, inspiration, and socialization. Some representative responses were: "Institutes have furnished me with countless practical, down-to-earth teaching methods and techniques at my grade level—spelling games, arithmetic games, better ways of maintaining classroom control, etc." "Institutes have brought me in contact with new books, pamphlets, motion pictures, etc., that have been helpful in my teaching." "The greatest value of institutes accrues from their stimulating me to go back to the classroom and do a bigger and better job than I've done before." "Most valuable to me is the inspiration a

prominent person who is not in education can give by showing us why we should be proud of our profession." "A number of institutes has stimulated me to return to the old salt mine with new zest and enthusiasm." "Institutes help develop an *esprit de corps* among teachers. Sitting in a large audience with people with whom you have a lot in common gives one a warm feeling." "I feel enriched by the personal contact I have with the many teachers I meet at institutes. Maybe it's because I enjoy visiting so much."

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Responses as to what is wrong with teachers' institutes were categorized as lack of practicality, poor speakers who fail to inspire, bad timing, compulsion, and speakers who are not well informed. Representative comments were: "Give me something I can use. Forget the theory already given in college and the literature." "I have attended approximately ten institutes. While one or two offered me some ideas which I could use in my classroom, most of them gave me no usable material." "Too many institute speakers are dead on their feet. They might know their stuff but they surely can't put it across." "Materials presented in a dry, uninteresting manner fall on deaf ears." "Other professions hire lecturers, etc., during their working hours. Why should we spend our after school hours in institute sessions?" "The majority of teachers are taking courses for growth value and should not be forced into attending institutes. After all, you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink." "Adults, like children, do not like to be forced into things." "No one knows all the answers, but many institute speakers don't seem to know any of them." "More speakers should realize that there is no substitute for knowing your stuff."

It would appear that there are ways whereby teachers' institutes might be improved. Through legislative action teachers' attendance at institutes could be made voluntary rather than compulsory. One could rest assured, then, that those who did attend would be present for the express purpose of benefiting from the offering. This is better than having large gatherings of teachers who may be there, for the most part, because a monetary club is being held over their heads.

Perhaps a better job of screening prospective institute speakers is also in order. This screening should not only focus attention on the speaker's ability to express himself, but also on whether he has something worthwhile to offer.

When institutes prove extremely successful, efforts should be made to analyze them for the factors that contributed to their success. For example, on March 12, 1957, an aviation teachers' institute was sponsored by the Los Angeles City Board of Education and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. It was anticipated that 250 would attend. Over 900 did attend. Since teachers in the Los Angeles area select the institutes they wish to attend, it is a matter of conjecture as to what was responsible for the record attendance—the unique subject matter, name speakers, publicity, or the mimeographed material of the presentation which was furnished to all attending.

In summary we see that teachers' institutes have had a long history and have evolved in both purpose and design through the years. Teachers' institutes are not total anachronisms. They do have value. Nevertheless, changes can be made which might enhance them and do much to minimize the criticisms to which they are subject.

Full Employment May Be the Answer

By T. C. Coleman

If a teacher were employed in his professional position 48 weeks a year wouldn't his salary be greater and his prestige higher?

Mr. Coleman is superintendent of Hanford public schools. His ideas about the four-quarter system, the allyear school, and other devices for year-round employment are not new, bave been debated at length, especially in educational journals directed to administrators and school board members. The California Teachers Association does not currently and officially share in these opinions.

A SHORTAGE of well trained and competent teachers has existed for many years—not just since World War II as commonly thought. The only exception would be during the depression years of the thirties.

Many reasons have been given for the present shortage. These reasons are practically identical with proposals advanced in 1920, just after World War I. They included: (1) increase teacher's salaries, (2) remove schools from politics, (3) help teachers find homes, (4) consolidate schools (5) enforce compulsory education laws, (6) democratize schools, (7) employ competent principals and superintendents, (8) give teachers reasonable teaching loads, (9) accord a higher prestige to teaching, and (10) improve retirement plans.

Fortunately, in California many of these conditions have been improved considerably and some have been virtually eliminated. Yet, a teacher shortage still exists. Isn't it about time we look for a real cause to solve our problem?

The answer to this perplexing problem could be in the full-time employment and use of teachers. Those engaged in the employment of personnel always find it difficult to employ someone for a part-time position having a part-time salary. Another problem is that the general public considers teaching a well paid, parttime job. It should be pointed out that some teachers are giving their

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full attention to their teaching practically every day of the year. The part-time salary is certainly a contributing cause for this small minority. One can't follow a career completely if the salary isn't adequate; there must be a dedication, devotion, or calling. Those dedicating themselves completely desire to make teaching a career.

How can we obtain career teachers? By providing full-time employment-which means using one's academic training, experience, and competencies all year-round with a salary commensurate with the service. Young people, particularly men, are reluctant to enter teaching because their talents are used for part of a year and employment must be obtained in another area (often not related to abilities) in the summer or Saturdays to make an adequate income. They must also do extra work to establish a decent standard of living expected of teachers.

Every summer, men teachers are seen working in downtown stores, industrial plants and factories — and even picking fruit! They do work that is not using their training. And yet the salary often lures them from teaching!

Many women teachers following teaching as a career or representing the major support for a family, also need to seek summer employment.

We must admit that many of our teachers today are not career teachers but persons (wives most often) who are teaching on a temporary basis, supplementing the family's income to provide certain luxuries or to raise the standard of living. And, too, many are teachers' wives, who must teach to have an adequate income! It must be remembered that married teachers can be career teachers.

It should be pointed out that these persons have responded to the call for more teachers and have satisfied a need. Many have done excellent jobs. However, temporary teachers will never permanently relieve the teacher shortage.

How can we provide full-time employment of teachers? There are probably two possibilities; using our teachers beyond the regular school year, and using teachers and buildings all year-round.

Employing teachers beyond the regular year can be accomplished by

remedial and enrichment summer schools, supervising recreational activities, leading youth clubs, activities, or hobby groups, participating in curriculum development programs, conducting student placement services, supervising work experience programs, or offering counseling facilities and services. They could also teach subjects that could be conducted in the summer to relieve the regular curriculum, such as driver training programs. They might even attend summer school (with pay), work in areas that will benefit the school and community, or travel (with pay), when such travel directly benefits teaching duties. The state vocational agriculture teaching plan is an excellent example of full employment with 11 months teaching and 11 months salary.

The professional training of teachers make these summer employment opportunities natural experiences. And, too, they afford the teacher and student better chances to understand each other. Naturally, teachers engaged in summer employment would be compensated financially so the yearly salary could be increased by 25 per cent. It is natural to assume some teachers would prefer not to participate in a summer program and their salaries would remain at present levels.

Using our buildings all year-around can be accomplished by either increasing the length of our regular school year, by establishing the school year on a three term basis, or having the two pupil-shifts-per-day programs. The two latter plans combine the features of the double-session days and the year-round school. It can readily be seen that

these two plans would also conserve on the number of classrooms necessary, giving relief to taxpayers.

Historically, our long summer vacations were designed so students could help in the harvesting of crops and do the necessary farm chores. With the tremendous urban shift and mechanized farming, it is obvious that only a few children now use the vacation for farm work.

The year-round school would stagger vacations and hold school for approximately 48 weeks. Each child would attend for 180 days or for three terms a year of 12 weeks each. Two or three weeks vacation for all could be held during July or August plus the regular school holidays during the year. There would be no loss in school time as compared to our present program. We could get by with one-third fewer classrooms. A plan such as the one briefly described is operating successfully in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

The two pupil shifts per day would utilize an approximate 225-day school year instead of the present 175-day year with two shifts of teachers and pupils. One group could use the buildings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and the other from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 5 p.m. The same amount of teaching time would be possible as at present—in fact, there could be more by lengthening the 225-day school year. This type of plan has been recently proposed by Raymond Wyman of the University of Massachusetts.

Obviously, many adjustments would have to be worked out in either plan, but they are worth considering to obtain career teachers who want full-time employment and professional salaries. And, too, the classroom shortage could be alleviated somewhat.

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We must obtain career teachers; career teachers want to work in their profession year-round. They also want professional salaries with opportunities for advancement according to abilities. Year-round teaching would seem to offer advancement opportunities better than at present. Year-round teaching would certainly be regarded with greater respect. Isn't it difficult for teachers to have sufficient prestige when the parent buys vegetables or shoes from them on Saturdays?



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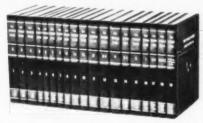
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from readers

College Credentials

May I suggest that colleges evaluate the teaching that goes on in their own classes, that college teachers be credentialled and required to know and demonstrate educational methods and techniques before they are allowed to become the sole arbiters of the teaching credential field?

—ALFRED J. AZEVEDO, San Francisco.

School Workshops

In school supervision and in-service training the purpose of a workshop is to teach how to do something. The work part has a threefold role. First, it facilitates understanding and generalization by defining principles in operational terms. Second, it extends understanding beyond the verbal level. One doesn't really know fully how to do something until he has done it a number of times. Third, it provides a minimum of skill necessary to give the courage to try out the procedure being taught. This is extremely important if the goal of the workshop is to improve practice.

During World War II civilian adminis-

trative and supervisory personnel were taught how to teach another person how to do a job in five two-hour sessions. These sessions constituted an educational work. shop. This is how they were conducted: The first session was devoted to preparing the learners and presenting the teaching method. The method pattern was illustrated by the instructor. That is, he used it in teaching how to do a specific thing. Then he drew from the group the steps he had followed. The next four sessions were devoted to student demonstration and constructive criticism of these demonstrations. The first demonstrations were always crude and inadequate but the last ones were smooth and effective. When a foreman went back on the job he usually used the method. He used it because he could do so without a lot of extra effort.

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A workshop to teach teachers how to adjust to individual differences had the following phases: first, a presentation illustrating a method of adjusting to individual differences; second, a discussion of the principles involved. A demonstration illustrated the principles. Individual teachers applied the principles and techniques to their own situations. They brought the necessary data to the workshop. Teachers were assisted by the one who made the presentation much as a teacher would assist students in a class study period. Teachers who thought they had a better way of adjusting to individual differences were encouraged and assisted to bring their ideas to the operational level. The fourth phase was followup in the classroom.

The workshop is no panacea. But if it is used as herein described to teach how to do something that needs to be done it will facilitate educational progress by helping to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This will be especially true if the workshop is made a part of a complete action research process.

—GERALD L. JENSEN, Coordinator of secondary education, Imperial County schools.

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Teachers who watch TV may have noticed this little fellow, who first appeared in December with "The Litterbug Rag," a musical novelty which reminds us of responsibility in keeping our roadsides clean. Clip him out and paste him on an appropriate placard to encourage schoolyard neatness. For more helps, write Keep America Beautiful, Inc., 99 Park Avenue, New York 16. Or, on roadside cleanup, write California State Chamber of Commerce, 350 Bush Street, San Francisco 4.



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BOLANDER (Continued from Page 21) January 20, 1876, Richard Ott, secretary of the Board of Education, filed two charges against the superintendent. The first was that, while State Superintendent, he had issued fraudulent credentials to certain unqualified teachers. The second was that after becoming city and county superintendent he had assisted a teacher to obtain a certificate to which she was not entitled. It was agreed that the Board of Education had no jurisdiction over his prior conduct. Bolander denied the charges but requested a hearing. The Daily Alta California wrote:

We suspect that Mr. Ott has allowed himself to be used as a catspaw by other persons. The Board is Democratic and the Superintendent is Republican and other animosities besides

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A hearing was held on January 21. The teachers concerned appeared and explained, and it appeared that in issuing the documents Bolander had acted as agent of the State Board of Education and not on his own. The *Daily Alta* headed a column next day on this subject with: "Failure to make a case against the superintendent."

Relations between the superintendent and the board remained strained. On January 24, 1877, Bolander resigned. Before doing so, however, he had sought and had obtained re-instatement as a principal and was assigned to the Bush Street School. Apparently this appointment had been made by removing two principals, Mrs. Plunkett and Mrs. Washburn. The issue smouldered until late in the year when Bolander was dismissed. Mrs. Plunkett was reinstated as principal of the Bush

Street School, and Mrs. Washburn was made principal of the Turk Street School. The former superintendent resented his removal and published a statement in the Daily Alta on December 16, 1877. In this he criticized the Board for acting without granting him a hearing. He also stated that he had been appointed to the principal-ship on the theory that Mrs. Plunkett and her husband had stated she wished to give up to devote herself to home duties.

Bolander left San Francisco sometime later and went to Guatemala where for seven years he engaged in educational work. He then removed to Portland, Oregon, where he accepted the chair in botanical science at Bishop Scott Academy. He held this position until his death, at age 69, on August 27, 1897. A year later Willis J. Jepson, professor of botany at the University of California, wrote a long article on Bolander's contributions to botany. He was a truly great botanist and in 1870 Lafayette College had conferred on him an honorary Ph.D.

He was a great educator also. He had an excellent working philosophy. He did not believe in the cosmopolitan schools as such but he believed that the child should be given an opportunity to learn a foreign language. This is a controversial subject still. He had difficult political opposition to face as City and County Superintendent, but his record as State Superintendent of Public Instruction was one of the best. His achievement in liberalizing state and county support in a period of depressed economic conditions marks Henry Bolander as an able administrator and an astute educator.



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Some questions immediately arise, however: What is teaching? Does all learning take place in the classroom? Can we teach effectively without requiring paper work

and plenty of it?

Certainly there are many techniques and devices besides written assignments that will develop healthy attitudes, change behavior, inculcate skills, and cause facts to be absorbed; but one needs practice in writing in order to learn to write.

The ability to organize one's ideas and express them in a lucid manner, a sensitivity to beauty and an empathy with one's fellow creatures, descriptive powers, correctness and precision: these are taught best through the student's own writing. Through his writing we become aware of attitudes that need handling; through writing he can express his feelings, fears, anxieties, and hostilities; through his writing we can help him develop skills in grammar, usage, and clear expression; through his writing he develops his vocabulary; through his writing he becomes a clear, logical thinker.

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The ability of the student to express himself and develop a problem or describe something in a clear, coherent, forceful and effective manner is an ability sadly lacking in many students; they just haven't had enough practice writing because their teachers can't take the time to read their papers.

Reading, evaluating, grading, and reacting to the writing that our students have done takes a lot of time, but so does filling that tooth, counting that money every day, and spending time in court to protect that client.

-RICHARD H. BRAUTIGAM

Mr. Brautigam has taught English for eight years. He is chairman of the English department at Pacific Grove high school. He writes in rebuttal to the article in February CTA Journal, "Are We Buried in Paper?" by Richard A. Rodd. Johnny's Books

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ker. writing Mr. Burt's plea (CTA Journal, February, page 26, "What Should Johnny Read?") for literary and adolescent goodness poses some interesting problems for us who seek to define such words as "ought," "good," and "true." Concerning morality Burt says, "It is not as important in the long run for boys and girls to know what they do, think, or say as it is for them to know what they ought to do, think, or say." Does this use of "ought" refer to personal desire, to personal guilt, or to rational recognition of a societal expectancy?

Burt appeals to Plato's moral idealism, ignoring the *Republic's* "medicinal lie" and, even more important, the basic concept of Plato's teacher: Know Thyself. Can we, then, seriously accept the contention that one's knowing what to do (theory) is more important than one's knowing what he is doing (practice)? On modern psychological grounds the emphasis on what ought to happen (future) is secondary to the *feelings* derived from what has happened and from what is happening, the over-emphasis of the former and lack of the latter being commonly described attributes of the psychopathic personality.

pathic personality.

"Is" and "ought" are apparently confused in the following quotation: "The books high school students should be encouraged to read are books which portray life as it is lived or ought to be lived." Surely, most of us, regardless of our parochial use of "ought," would admit of a wide divergence between practice and ideal.

Thus Mr. Burt, by approving truthful books ("life as it is lived"), creates a puzzle, for he says this: "The teen ager ought not to find on the high school shelf any work which paints evil in seductive and attractive colors." Is not evil an important part of

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"Stop trying to lose yourself in the crowd, Miss Pieffer!"

"life as it is lived"? Students, consequently, are to read about life as it is safely interpreted. Status quo moralists and righteous conformists often display a lack of confidence in teen agers and a fear within themselves.

How much confidence in teen agers is expressed by these words? "... the book should not encourage the reader toward any action which is considered evil by the community." Psychologists and sociologists generally agree that books can further upset those already maladjusted. Does this mean that high school libraries are to be confined to the limits of safety for neurotics? That a book encourages its reader to some kind of action certainly is dependent upon the reader's character.

Evil from a conventional standpoint can be "seductive and attractive." A denial of this phenomenon through a censorship by omission represents at least fear and perhaps guilt and dishonesty. Ignorance and avoidance have nothing to do with morality: understanding and challenge have.

To Mr. Burt's question I pose an answer. "Are there standards by which we can evaluate a book so that we can encourage a teen ager to find out through books what life is all about without exposing him to immorality and obscenity?" No, the danger and greatness of a free society rest upon the individual's response to moral challenge.

—JACK SILVERMAN, English teacher, East Bakersfield high school.



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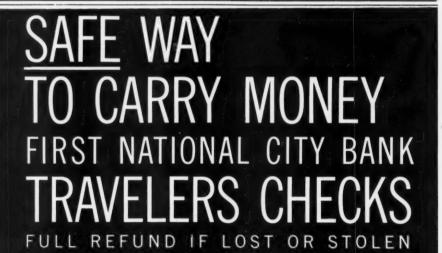
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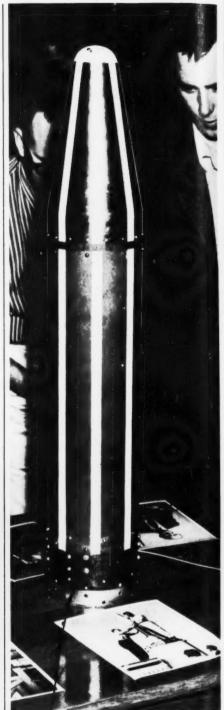
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Starrett Joins Staff, Williamson to Move

James M. Williamson, Jr., CTA Field Service representative in the Los Angeles office, is slated to become Personnel Standards Executive in the state office at San Francisco. Williamson, who joined the CTA staff last summer, expects to be able to move to the Bay area this month to take over duties now performed by Harry Fosdick for the CTA Commission on Personnel Standards.

As announced in last month's CTA



JAMES M. WILLIAMSON

lournal, Fosdick has succeeded W. Harold Kingsley as Public Relations Executive. Since the first of the year, however, he has been working in "double harness", spending much of his time in recent weeks completing ethics investigations in Pasadena and San Lorenzo. Fosdick is the author of the widely read column in this lournal titled "What I Want to Know Is...".

Employed on March 1 to succeed Williamson at the CTA-SS offices is Dr. George S. Starrett of San Diego. Dr. Starrett, 33, is the father of two children, Sandra Lee, 6, and Randall Craig, 3. His wife, Jackie Lee, has a bachelor's degree from San Diego State. He is a graduate of Hoover high school, San Diego, taking his AB and MA degrees from Stanford



GEORGE S. STARRETT

and his doctoral work in education at UCLA.

Starrett is a science and mathematics teacher, having served since 1950 at Centerville and at Pacific Beach Junior high and Marston junior high in San Diego. He has been teaching physical sciences and mathematics at San Diego junior college for the last two years.

He has been active in the San Diego Teachers Association and on the Southern Section council. He was a staff sergeant in the combat engineers serving in Europe, 1943-46.

What I Want to Know Is . . .

(Continued from page 14) ment and pregnancy, however, the board is not required to grant requests for leave.

Employment petition

Ques. Though I have been teaching in this school for 8½ years, it recently became part of a unified school district and I was informed that I would not be recommended for tenure. The supervising teacher thought my work was satisfactory, but when I found that the administration did not like me, I resigned. Now the people want me back and have started a petition. In order to get back into the school, what must be done? How many names must be on the petition? Does



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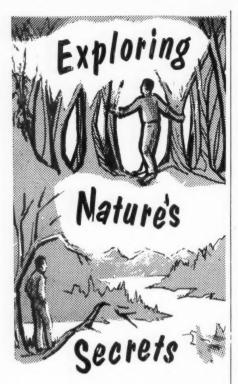
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Your only approach, it appears to me, is to write a letter to the governing board requesting re-employment in the district. The support being given by the adults in your school community indicates their satisfaction with your services, and this could be considered by the board. If this request is not granted, however, there is no way in which the board could be compelled to re-employ you.

Transportation expense

Oues. What is the law regarding the reimbursement of a teacher for transportation expense necessary to a teaching assignment? As a special teacher, I must drive my own car to the various buildings where I serve. My contract calls for a \$150 car allowance per year, but this amount does not begin to cover the extra expense my travel to outlying schools involves. Ans. There are many types of employment which require the employee to provide his own transportation, usually reimbursed in whole or in part. We think the employer should meet this cost completely, though we recognize that most mileage rates allowed do not cover all the costs of owning and operating an automobile in business.

Since your district follows the rather common practice of allowing a flat fee for transportation, your acceptance of this provision in your contract removes any legal obligation of the district to offer reimbursement which would be more equitable. Your recourse might be to keep a close record of your driving for a month and then present a request for an increase in the allowance. If there is any way in which a re-scheduling of duties would reduce the transportation requirement, this might be offered as an alternative.

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Ques. May a school board offer a bigh school principal or a teacher a three-year contract if the district is in the process of becoming a tenure district during this school year? We were advised by the county superintendent that it could not be done under the conditions I have cited.

Ans. There is no legal provision for long-term contracts for principals or teachers, regardless of the size of the district. However, there is nothing to preclude a district from granting permanent status voluntarily to those who have been employed for three or more years on a regular credential.

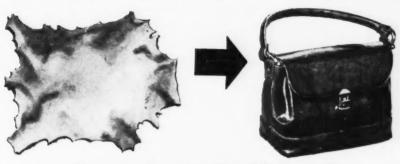
We have urged districts entering mandatory tenure status to minimize the staff uncertainty and the number of decisions to be made the final moment by making some of the teachers permanent each year as they become eligible. This decreases staff tension and makes the transition much smoother.

Agenda notice

Ques. Our superintendent's salary was raised by the board at its meeting last night, even though this proposed action was not on the agenda for the meeting. Is this legal?

Ans. Yes, the law permits termination of a contract and issuance of a new contract with different provisions when mutually satisfactory to both parties. Since the action occurred at a regular board meeting, the fact that this item was not specified on the advance agenda does not affect legality of the action. Had it been a special board meeting, the action could not have been taken unless it was included in the advance announcement of the business to be considered in the special session.

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Seaborg Urges Teacher Pay

SCIENTIST GLENN T. SEA-BORG, associate director of the University of California Radiation Laboratory, blamed the voters for not supporting the schools in a major speech March 8 before the California Educational Research Association and the American Educational Research Association at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco.

"People must somehow be jarred out of the comfortable complacency that America will always lead the world in science and in commercial productivity and that our standard of living and national security are assured by the system as it stands," he said.

"In spite of the overwhelming case for the importance of science, there is much evidence that the public has not yet caught on to the gravity of the situation," he warned.

After discussing basic curriculum and the national need for trained scientists, Seaborg said an obstacle "standing in the way of achieving our objective is the matter of teachers' salaries . . . this is probably the single most important problem facing us. . . . It is pure fantasy to believe we can bring about any real change in our school system without a drastic change for the better in the economic incentives for teachers."

School Bills In Legislature

With the Governor's call to the Legislature opening the special session to almost unlimited introduction of educational issues, almost half the bills considered in Sacramento last month affected the schools.

Due to close March 29, the short session had not completed action on important school bills at press time. CTA-sponsored pay raises for State College faculties seemed to have a chance, the Governor's plan of mandated courses was doomed, and Arthur Corey's plea for funds for printing of elementary texts failed to get committee approval.

A summary of achievement (or possible disappointments) by CTA's legislative advocates will be published in May issue of *CTA Journal*. Weekly reports were issued in March by Robert E. McKay through the *CTA Legislative Letter*.

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Guidance has unfortunately created the connotation of help for the deviate in lieu of its correct definition: aid for all in successfully functioning in and contributing to their society. Generally, Stoops and Wahlquist adhere to the venerable psychological principles of guidance, but with their pandemic approach the authors avoid the typical tome of the traumatic cases for whom the love-and-affection prescriptions are so glibly, and perhaps perfunctorily, offered. They note with crisp candor that a counselor must periodically admit defeat; he must also, if circumstances warrant, simply state to the counselee, "This you must do!" School guidance, they feel, must be practical or it is superfluous.

The text is primarily focused upon the secondary school, in which the contiguous aspects of educational and vocational guidance are abundant. Vocational guidance is, by sheer weight of numbers, a complex field; there are presently 18,000 occupations from which to choose. Compound this with the salient features of each-viz., the preparation needed, the minimal mental or physical capacity, and the remunera-tive range-, and the myriad nature of guiding the student in an optimum choice is seen. Herein lies the strength of this book. The authors furnish a profusion of concrete suggestions to the counselor striving to glean essentials from this morass of occupationality.

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Stoops and Wahlquist have forged a text inclusive of all degrees of the 360 of the full guidance circle. And although the individual's adjustment is not submerged beneath Sputnik-wrought freneticism, the authors are cognizant, as stated in their first chapter, of a paramount consideration in today's guidance program: America's survival is now challenged, and the capacity of each youth must be realized.

Dr. Stoops is professor of educational administration at University of Southern California and Dr. Wahlquist is assistant superintendent in charge of instruction at El Monte union high school.

-BARRY G. JOHNSON

SOVIET EDUCATION, George Kline, Editor; Columbia University Press, New York, 1957. Pp. 192, \$3.50.

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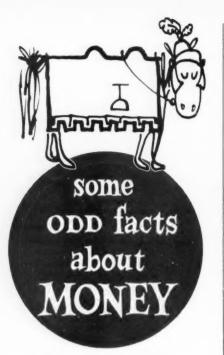
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Its values may lie in the inferences we draw or in the further questions we must ask. Given this glimpse of the past, we would do well to look for more: a closer view by USA-USSR exchange teachers, exchange students, visiting professorships, and plane-loads of interested citizens.

Perhaps we had better read between the lines of Soviet educational journals as diligently as we now read line for line in their technical publications.

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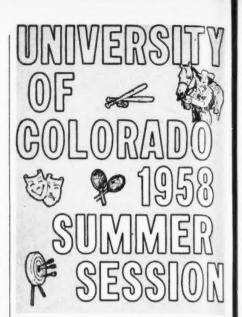
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Many teachers will be glad to know about a book written by ten parents who hope to "contribute to a renaissance in parental values and the rearing of youth so that parents will recognize that the educational process is not solely the responsibility of the teacher." The book is The Challenge of Children, by Cooperative Parents' Group of Palisades Pre-School Division, and Mothers' and Children's Educational Foundation, Inc., and is now in its third printing since its 1957 publication. William Morrow & Company, New York, 192 pp., \$3.75.

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Two California teachers, Blanche McDonald and Leslie Nelson, both of Los Angeles State College, have produced a book which is likely to be of immense help to all teachers, particularly beginners: Methods That Teach. It covers selected procedures for teaching in ten different fields, among them social studies, primary reading, language arts, arithmetic, and science. Wm. C. Brown Company, Dubuque, Iowa. Paper cover, large page format, plastic-bound. 237 pages, \$3.75.

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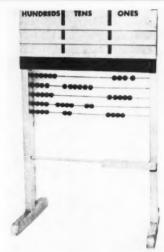
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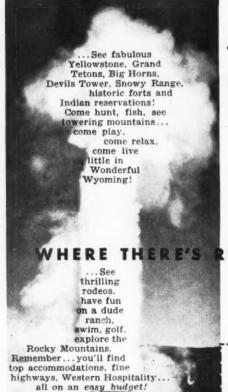
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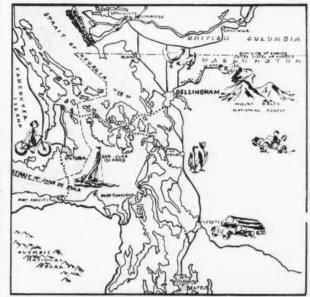
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editorial postscript

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EVERYBODY wants to talk about the schools. Newspapers and magazines give us the last word on curriculum and contention. As appropriate postscripts to major educational news of the month, here are a few opinions heard and seen.

The theme was repeatedly stated at San Francisco's AASA convention—and at a session of the Legislature—that we would face economic and social revolution if we should abandon the basic concept of public education for *all* our citizens. But in the face of this cherished assumption is the current idea expressed by the board of education of Wichita, Kansas (and shared by many teachers):

"High school administrators and teachers are not required or expected to subject themselves to abuse, annoyance, and interruption of their normal teaching functions by irresponsible students, who apparently have no desire for education and whose parents evince little interest in implementing the discipline which the school system finds necessary to employ. Such children should be given a reasonable chance to improve their conduct, but if it continues to interfere, they are to be dropped from the school system and their parents so notified."

Commissioner Lawrence G. Derthick, using as illustration the historic assumption that Sparta fell because an elite crops of warriors built a narrow society which excluded others, concludes his argument by saying:

"Our troubles begin when we fail to support strong schools for all."

Crash programs on science and math are still popular themes for political pronouncement. Most respected voices among educators and scientists urge broad "toughening" of curricula. For instance, Arno Jewett, specialist for language arts of the U.S. Office of Education, writes:

"No nationwide effort to educate more scientists, mathematicians, and engineers

can succeed unless students also develop the language skills they need to comprehend and report scientific and mathematical information. Not even the Army can make an effective soldier out of a functional illiterate; it must first teach him the basic skills of reading and writing."

It is unfair and illogical for critics to blame the schools for juvenile delinquency. Church and school leaders have undertaken great responsibilities and social agencies have tried correctional practices on a rising youth crime wave. I like the words of Richard Evans, famous KSL voice, who puts his finger on the real need of youth, the answer to delinquency at all age levels:

"One of the richest rewards of parents is to have young people want to come, want to bring their friends to a home where all feel wanted and welcome. Home should be a place of mutual responsibility and respect, of encouragement and cooperation and counsel, of integrity, of willingness to work, of discipline when necessary, with the tempering quality of love added to it, with sense of belonging, and with someone close to talk to. In such homes can be solved many of the social problems without so much outside seeking for the solution."

I had just read T. C. Coleman's manuscript on the article which we print in this issue when a Los Angeles teacher sent me January *American Legion Magazine*, which contains an article by Teacher Thomas P. Ramirez, "I'll Take Teaching". In describing the reasons why he prefers the classroom to a better-paying sales job, he touches a point we often try to hide:

"Time, time, and more time. Time to be free, time to putter around the house, to fish, to travel, to loaf, to be with your family. Actually a teacher works only 180 days a year, spreading this over nine months. The average wage earner works 246 days, making the teacher a freer man by some 60-odd days. Right away the summer job problem rears its ugly head. But it is for the individual teacher to choose between "things" and time. Perhaps I'm lazy; perhaps I want to enjoy life a little more. I chose time."

Dr. Gordon's sprightly article in this issue about do-it-yourself statistics (proving that a Ph.D. need not lean on abstruse pedagoguery) reminds me of USOE Fact Sheet No. 5 which informs:

"In American high schools in the fall

of 1956 there were 2,776,000 enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades, with 830,000 studying science and 659,000 studying mathematics."

I knew you'd be glad to have these figures.

Highly esteemed Dr. James B. Conant, former Harvard president and former ambassador to West Germany, spent most of last month in California. Some of his intellectual grace and sound common sense rubbed off on a lot of people. When the shrill voice of panic rose, his calm New England language cut away inconsistencies and irrelevancies, bringing his hearers the serenity of wisdom. His theme was normally a program for the academically gifted pupil and when asked how these young people should be selected, he was heard to quote:

"In guiding pupils toward advanced work in mathematics, counsellors should look for "the three M's" — mentality, maturity, and motivation."

When asked to comment on parental pressures and ability groupings, Dr. Conant had this to say:

"Programs labelled "academic" or "college preparatory" tend to attract the less able students because of the parents' desire for prestige. The labels convey social distinction, which should be minimized as far as possible. The school can well proclaim that every student is taking a course of study suitable to his or her needs; and, at the same time, if an excellent guidance system is in operation, it will turn out that the academically able students are taking a tough program.... The able should be receiving instruction in separate sections and the very slow readers should be receiving a different type of instruction conducted by specially competent teachers. . . . A mistaken analysis of the social effects of heterogeneous grouping has been the most serious block to a necessary improvement of the school."

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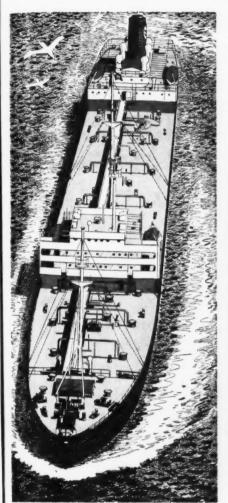
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The rains are over and the California hills are green. The sky is blue and Spring beckons from the far horizons. When opinion becomes an opiate and controversy becomes corrosive, it's time to go to the Wide Open Places. Individually, quietly, with solid earth underfoot, with sunlight in your face and a breeze in your hair, there you find your answers. Pardon me, I can't make the committee meeting; I've got a date.

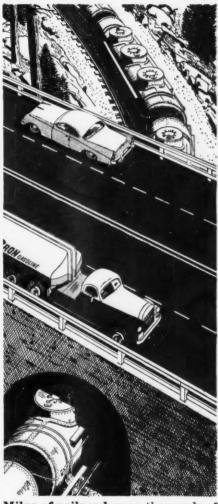
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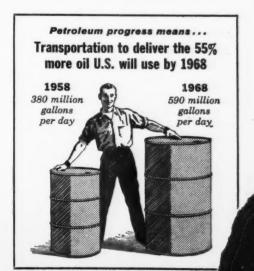
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